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FROM THE EDITOR

Spring has become Summer, and in this issue we confront its joys – and dangers – full on, with Dr Deepani Rathnayake's article about how to be smart in the sun.

The rest of the December issue is filled with stories we hope you'll like reading. Anniversaries we have a-plenty: 100 years of op shops; 60 years of Whitehorse Historical Society and 40 years of a hair design business.

Our cover story tells of the wonderful work being done by volunteer surgeons, operating in countries such as Vietnam and Papua New Guinea to help children be able to live normal lives.

And, of course, there's Christmas: remembering the past, and looking to future.

We hope you enjoy the issue – and have a happy New Year!

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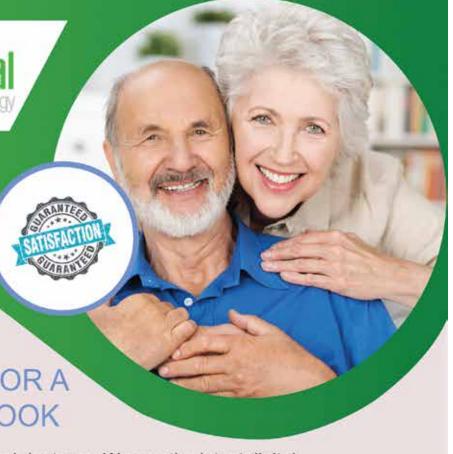
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Moderate, well-timed sun exposure is healthy, supporting vitamin D, bone and immune health, and regulating mood and sleep.

This summer, let's refresh our knowledge, make sun protection and sunscreen a daily habit, and teach our children to make informed, balanced choices for lifelong skin health.

Sun protection: more than just SPF

SPF measures only UVB protection, the rays that cause sunburn and skin cancers. SPF 50 offers slightly better protection than SPF 30.

But UVA rays penetrate deeper, leading to aging, pigmentation, and skin cancer.

When selecting a sunscreen, it is important to choose one that protects against both UVB and UVA rays. Look for the words "broad-spectrum" on the label. This means the sunscreen shields you from both types of harmful rays.

How much and how to apply sunscreen

- Use one teaspoon per limb, one for the front and back, and half for the face, neck, and ears.
- Apply 15–20 minutes before going outdoors and reapply every two hours or after swimming or sweating.
- UV rays, especially UVA, penetrate car windows so daily protection matters, even while driving.

Choosing the right sunscreen for your skin type and tone

For oily or acne-prone skin:

• Use lightweight, oil-free, non-comedogenic lotions or gels.

For dry or sensitive skin:

- Choose hydrating, fragrance-free creams with ceramides or glycerine.
- Mineral sunscreens (zinc oxide or titanium dioxide) are gentle and less irritating.

Different skin tones need different approaches

Australia's multicultural community includes people with many different skin tones, and each reacts differently to the sun. Understanding your skin type helps you stay healthy while enjoying our great outdoors safely. New Australian sun safety guidelines now recognise this.

People with very fair skin, freckles, or red or blonde hair burn quickly and have the highest risk of skin cancer. They should use full sun protection whenever the UV Index is 3 or higher. Early morning or late afternoon sun is best for gentle light exposure and vitamin D balance.

Those with olive or light brown skin may tan, but can still burn with prolonged exposure. Regular sun protection is still important, particularly for anyone with a family history of melanoma, or are taking immunosuppressive medications or undergoing chemotherapy.

Sunsmart?



HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT SUNSCREEN

- SPF measures protection from UVB rays
- UVA protection helps prevent skin ageing and deeper damage

Choose both for complete sun defence

People with darker skin tones have more natural UV protection and a lower risk of skin cancer; but they may be more prone to vitamin D deficiency. Moderate, safe, sun exposure supports bone and immune health, while sunscreen is still advised during extended outdoor activities.

Sun safety is not one-size-fits-all, and understanding your skin type helps you make balanced, healthy choices year-round.

Sun protection for babies and children

Children's skin is thinner and more sensitive to UV damage, so comprehensive sun protection is vital.

Babies under six months:

- Avoid direct sunlight and protect car windows.
- Use shade, hats, and protective clothing.
- For small, exposed areas, use a mineral sunscreen, preferably zinc oxide.

Over six months:

- Use broad-spectrum SPF 30+ or 50+ for kids or sensitive skin on exposed areas.
- Reapply often, especially after swimming or play.
- Teach children early that sun protection is a daily habit and lead by example.

Sun protection keeps your skin healthy. Slip on a shirt, Slop on sunscreen, Slap on a hat, Seek shade, and Slide on sunglasses.

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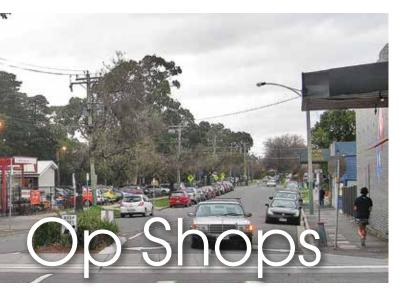
DECEMBER marks 100 years of op shops in Australia. What a brilliant milestone for this humble social enterprise that yields immense returns for the community, shoppers and the environment.

Founded by the Salvation Army in 1880, 'recycling depots' were initially set up to provide work, food and shelter for men leaving prison and were branded 'Prison Gate Brigade Homes'. Despite the direct benefits that op shops provided, there was stigma attached to shopping at such places, especially among the middle class.

The term 'op shop' (short for 'opportunity shop') originated in Melbourne in the 1920s. It was coined by Lady Millie Tallis, a former showgirl, who established the first shop near St Vincent's Hospital to fundraise for its x-ray department. She wanted to create a more dignified image for second-hand stores and highlighted the opportunities they provided for both donors and buyers. The concept quickly spread across Australia, with charitable organisations using op shops to fund community programs. There are now almost 1,300 op shops across Australia.

While the re-branding was received positively, it wasn't until the latter half of the 20th century that op shopping became less of an economic necessity for those in need and more of a lifestyle decision by both fashionistas and environmentally-conscious folks.





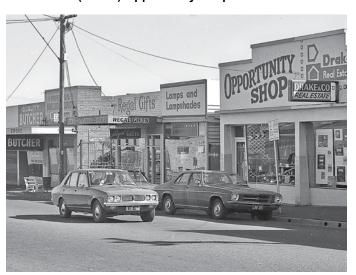
A rejection of fast-fashion and excess consumption has fuelled interest in op shops. Such demand for unique and pre-loved items has meant that the industry is estimated to be worth \$1.4 billion in 2025. Op shops offer more than the cookie-cutter styles of mainstream fashion – make no mistake, someone out there wants to buy your platform shoes, tie-dyed overalls and that daggy knitted jumper. According to Charitable Recycle Australia, op shops divert over one million tonnes of waste from landfill each year, which is about 39 kilograms of waste per person.

There is an undeniable thrill when you find treasure in an op shop. For our readers who follow my op shop trails, it may be hard to believe that there was a time when I was sceptical of such places. The memory is a bit hazy now; but at some point I must have, on a whim, wandered into an op shop, and now I plan family holidays around what op shops I can visit along the way.

So this summer, help celebrate 100 years of op shops by either shopping at your local op shop, donating your pre-loved goods or volunteering your time at your local op shop – I know which one I'll be doing!

ANNA CHEUNG

PICTURES (Above): The "Ashy" Op Shop today; (Below left) Lions Op Shop in Blackburn, 1998; (Below) Opportunity Shop in Blackburn c1978.



Erratum

In the last issue of the *Bulletin*, the article *Hands-On Learning at Nettleton Park* accidently named the wrong partnering organisation. The organisation mentioned as 'Adult Migrant English Program (AMES)' should be 'Swinburne Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)'.

We apologise for any confusion and have corrected the article in the online edition.

Editor



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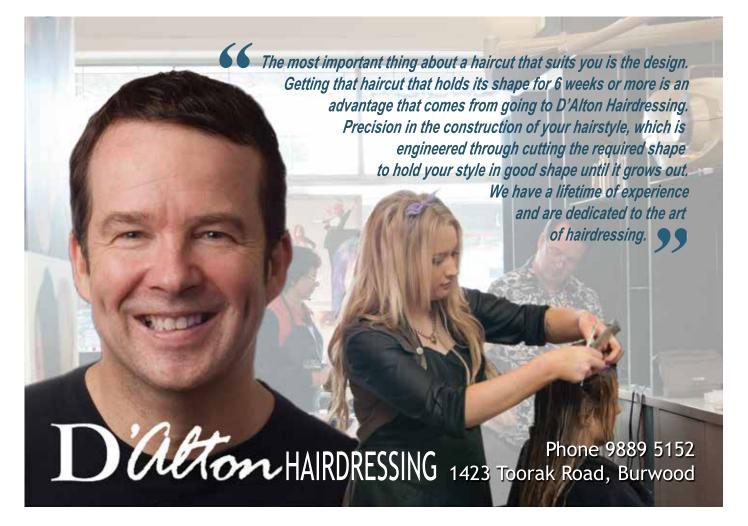


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We are hoping to place QR codes strategically in locations where people naturally pause or gather bathrooms, carparks, public spaces, schools, shopping centres, community hubs, in fact anywhere at all. Currently we are seeking support from councils, government authorities and any organisation who is willing to support this invaluable and important resource by providing funds to place our scannable QR codes everywhere we can.

With growing interest, the QR Code Project is poised to expand across Melbourne and beyond. It's not just about technology— the project thrives on partnerships and is about creating connection, support, and hope because mental health matters.

TRISH CARR

N an age where digital connection meets community care, the Rotary East Community Group (RCG East) Mental Health & Wellbeing QR Code Project is bridging the gap between awareness and access - one scan at a time. The RCG East is a collection of 13 Rotary and Rotaract clubs spanning six council areas including Whitehorse, Boroondara, Manningham, Monash, Maroondah and Nillumbik.

Mental health challenges often go unseen - and unspoken. Many people hesitate to ask for help due to fear, shame, or uncertainty. This project removes barriers by:

- Offering instant access to support without needing to speak up
- Supporting students, seniors in fact, all of the community in everyday settings
- Providing information not only to those in need but also to families supporting them free of stigma and data collection.

As one advocate put it, "Sometimes all someone needs is a gentle nudge – a quiet invitation to take that first step. A QR code can be that nudge."

The QR Code Project is a simple yet powerful initiative designed to make mental health resources more accessible, discreet, and to connect individuals with vital support services instantly. By scanning our QR code, users gain direct access to a curated list of mental health and wellbeing contacts, including crisis helplines, counselling services, community support networks, and self-care resources. Once you

Mental Health Well Being Support Card & QR Code

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Neighbourhood House, Didi Mudigdo brings with him a musician's heart and a lifetime of experiences that stretch across continents. His journey to Burwood has been anything but conventional, and while he's still learning the ropes of his new community, his enthusiasm for people and connection shines through.

Didi was born in Australia to Indonesian parents who arrived in the 1960s. He describes himself as an Australian-born Indonesian with a globally influenced upbringing. His father's architectural career took the family to several countries, and by the time he reached high school, Didi had already lived in five different countries. These formative years fostered in him a lasting appreciation for cultural diversity and community, values he continues to cherish.

After finishing school, Didi settled in Sydney, where he pursued university studies and began a lifelong relationship with both music and community. "At uni, I was interested in music, joined a few bands, and by my second year I was the secretary-treasurer of the music society. That was my first real experience with community building. Bringing people together around something we all loved".

Music opened doors for Didi, taking him to jazz clubs and hotels across Asia, including residencies in China, Japan, Thailand, and Malaysia. But even as his musical career took him far from home, his focus remained on fostering connections.

His formal journey into community development began years later when he took on a managerial role at an adult learning centre in Perth. It was here that Didi discovered a new kind of harmony, one that came from helping others. "Community has always inspired me. Whether it's people coming together to play music or people learning something new, I love generating excitement for participation, finding ways for people to connect and grow".

A visit to Melbourne in 2019 with his wife stirred a sense of homecoming. Though born in Australia, Didi had never lived in Melbourne as an adult. "My family left when I was about three, so coming back for a holiday really opened my eyes. It made us feel inspired to move back". When the opportunity to manage the Burwood Neighbourhood House arose, it felt like a natural fit.

Burwood, with its leafy streets and diverse mix of long-term residents, students, and young families, offers a community full of both history and potential. The Neighbourhood House has long served as a gathering place where people of all ages come together to learn, share and belong. For over 30 years, the role of manager was guided by the capable hands of Cheryl Webster, who recently retired.

Didi approaches his new role with careful thought. "The new ideas I'm bringing are mostly operational. I'd like to update how we do things, moving towards cloudbased systems and paperless processes. In my previous



job, I worked a lot on modernising administrative systems to improve efficiency. The first six months though, are about learning, observing and strengthening the foundation".

While Didi is focusing on operational improvements for now, his vision for the future is clear – growth through connection. "I want to keep doing what we're doing and expand on it. More activities, more engagement, reaching more people in the community". He's particularly keen on broadening the House's reach beyond its current demographic. "A lot of what we offer right now happens between 10am and 3pm, which tends to attract certain age groups. I'd love to engage more of the newly retired and even younger people. It's about making sure everyone knows they're welcome here".

To achieve this, Didi plans to elevate the House's profile within Burwood and the surrounding suburbs.

Since taking on the role, he's been touched by the warm support he's received from the local community. "Everyone has been incredibly welcoming. Coming from interstate, I wasn't sure what to expect, but people have been so kind and helpful". He also speaks highly of the staff at the House, praising their support as he settles into his new role and familiarises himself with the operations.

Another unexpected but welcome discovery has been the strong network among neighbourhood houses in the region. "The Whitehorse neighbourhood houses meet quarterly. It's a large group, but the exchange of ideas and support is amazing. That collaboration is something really special about this community".

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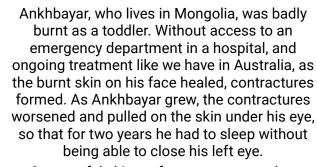
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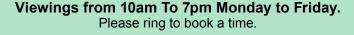
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A man of many talents



WITH regular appearances in ads for household name brands, soap operas and movies, you probably would have heard or seen Peter Cassidy on radio, TV and around town without realising it.

Over the past 30 years, Peter's mellifluous voice and distinguished looks has found him on a Coles billboard and on TV for the AFL, Big W and Crown Casino, to name but a few clients.

"It's enjoyable to get in character for each acting opportunity," says Peter. With a wry laugh, he notes that in recent times there's been greater demand for his acting skills to appear in ads for retirement villages, caravans and pressure socks.

As a local in the area, Peter got into voiceover and acting in his 30s, when he participated in amateur theatre. However, it wasn't until his late 40s, when a friend who worked in an advertising agency suggested that Peter have a go at modelling for a mobile phone company. "My friend said that they needed a model to hold a mobile phone for some photos and I thought, 'why not?".

From there, opportunities quickly appeared as Peter worked for Yamaha motorbikes and an outdoor clothing wear company. He also took voice training to improve his articulation and enunciation. When listening to Peter speak, there are echoes of Pete Smith's rich and rounded "Saaaale of the Century!" in his voice.

Peter has acted in a number of roles in *Neighbours* (including as the mayor of Erinsborough), *Offsprings* and *House Husbands*. His movie credits include acting as former Labor politician Simon Crean in the telemovie *Hawke* (starring Richard Roxburgh as Bob Hawke), filmed in East Melbourne at the Dallas Brooks Hall; as a journalist in *Howzat: Kerry Packer's War*; and as the father of the bride in *Any Questions for Ben*. Peter has also acted alongside Hollywood star Katie Holmes in the *Don't be Afraid of the Dark*, which was filmed in Melbourne and Mt Macedon.

Peter jokes that he is like supermodel Linda Evangelista, who famously said that she doesn't get out of bed for less than \$10,000. While he doesn't command such a fee, "I do my voiceover roles in the comfort of my pyjamas in my recording studio at home".

As acting and voiceover work is a creative outlet for Peter, he has sympathy for young actors who pursue acting as a full-time career. "The knockbacks can be tough but are part of the package of being an actor," says Peter, as he recounts how he narrowly missed out getting a role with Toyota because he didn't have a beard. There's no slowing down for Peter, as his wish list includes doing an ad campaign for a luxury car brand.

Next time you're watching the telly, keep an eye out for Peter. And you can always tune into his Tuesday Breakfast Program and Saturday Afternoon Program on 94.1FM.

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POR many in Burwood, the familiar face behind the handlebars belongs to Rudi, a long-time Australia Post worker whose cheerful presence has brightened neighbourhoods for nearly a decade.

But few would guess the remarkable journey that led him here. Before stepping into his Australia Post uniform, Rudi spent 12 years as a mental health clinician, supporting survivors of the devastating 2009 Victorian bushfires. Prior to that, he worked for two decades as a chef in fine dining establishments across Europe and Australia.

"After 12 intense years as a counsellor, I wanted to be outdoors, to move more and not have to solve the problems of the world," Rudi says with a smile. "Becoming a postie ticked all the boxes. It was the perfect transition into semi-retirement."

Now, in a job-share arrangement, Rudi works three days one week and two the next – a balance that allows him to spend more time with his first grandchild, who recently turned three months old. "I feel fortunate that Australia Post could accommodate my plans," he adds. "It's given me time for family, which is precious."

It's the daily interactions, though, that have made the job special. "I've met some beautiful people over the years, a number I now call friends," he says. Living locally means Rudi often runs into familiar faces while walking his dogs.

As he looks ahead to full retirement next year, Rudi reflects with gratitude. "It's been a great run, delivering Parcels and letters, but also a bit of cheer along the way."

SOHAIL AKHTAR



PORTY years ago Ivan and I were looking for a place to start our Hair Design business. Back in 1985, Hartwell was the only suburb that had any empty shops to rent, so it seemed we really had no choice.

Having said that, it was a wonderful village.

It contained five butcher shops, three chemists, banks, American Maid ice cream – and, of course, Dickins supermarket, which was the glue that kept the shopping strip alive.

We had nine years at 1125 Toorak Road, and when Tim, from the butcher shop, wanted out of his lease so he could move into photography, we relocated down the street to number 1140.

Zanik had an incredible 20 years at that location.

We had the newsagency on one side and a chemist on the other. The chemist was always busy as the doctors' clinic was across the road.

I absolutely loved that shop. Then Leo (of Leo's Fine Food and Wine) started



Applauding forty years

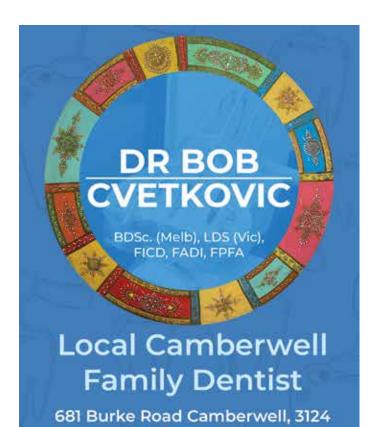
buying up all the shops, including the one we were renting, and we were forced to make our next move. Each of our moves had been made difficult by greedy real estate agents, so this one, to number 1170, I handled myself.

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N a rise above the Mullum Mullum Creek in Mitcham stands an old stone cottage. Built in 1885 by August Schwerkolt, it had been occupied by members of his family until 1900, after which it was rented out. By 1963 the Housing Commission had issued an order for the Cottage to be demolished.

There was immediate action from the community in favour of saving the cottage, so in 1964, after being made aware that a "very special piece of history" was about to slip through its fingers, the City of Nunawading Council gained a stay of proceeding in order to restore the cottage, purchasing the entire property from the Schwerkolt family for the sum of £7,500.

While Schwerkolt Cottage was being restored, a committee of management was appointed by Council to ensure that it was furnished and decorated appropriately. The committee selected the year 1900 as the basis for the collection and made a public request for furniture and artefacts from that era. The response was overwhelming.

In the meantime, many of those who had campaigned to save the cottage now turned their energy to saving the history of the City of Nunawading as well, which became the catalyst for the birth, in November 1965, of the Nunawading and District Historical Society. Early meetings were held in members' homes, where archives also resided. This changed when the new Municipal Offices were built, and documents were moved to its basement. Ken Barelli, a councillor who decided to investigate his family history, was appalled at the difficult access and suggested that the

Historical Society needed their own storage space. Great excitement! The workroom was built. Council donated map cabinets, and furniture and tin chairs were donated by the Mitcham Anglican Church.

In the first year of operation, a bibliography subcommittee was set up for the purpose of gathering material on the historical development of the City of Nunawading. A photography sub-committee also formed, and information about the Nunawading area in the form of maps and land-sale brochures began to be accrued.

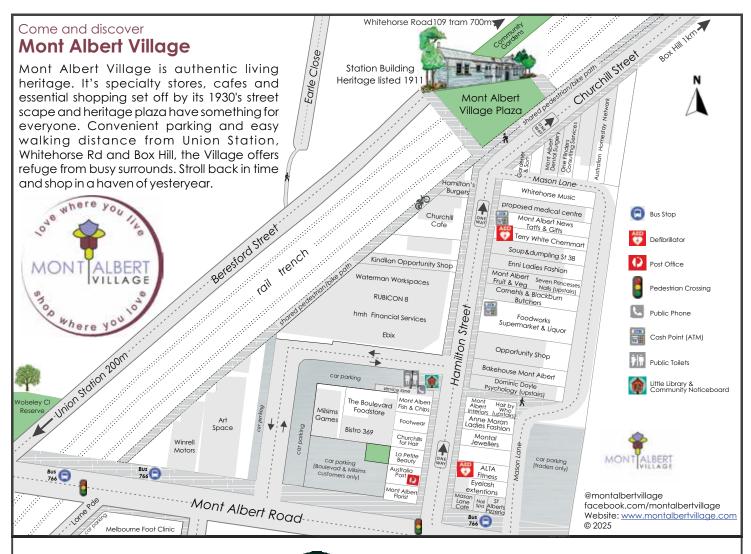
The year 1997 saw technology introduced, with the donation to the society of its first computer. The InMagic Textbase was purchased, transferring the cataloguing from a previous card-based system. Accreditation as a museum was achieved in 2000 and in 2003 the society's name was changed to Whitehorse Historical Society.

The next major move forward came in 2011, with the construction of the Visitors' Centre, completing the Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum that people can visit today.

Over the past few years, the annual Family Heritage Day run by the society has come to be the "jewel in the crown" of Whitehorse Heritage Week. Twenty twenty-one saw the revamping of the museum, plus the dispensing of the aging InMagic textbase in June, when the collection became available on line through Victorian Collections.

Whitehorse Historical Society continues to collaborate with Whitehorse City Council, most recently with the display at Whitehorse Artspace of wedding dresses, with complementing artworks from Whitehorse Art Collection.





















































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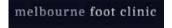
















THE unique authenticity of Mont Albert's Hamilton Street heritage shopping strip and Village Plaza has been recognised in a National Award from Mainstreet Australia. The Award celebrates the partnership between Whitehorse City Council, Mont Albert Village Business Association and the Village Gardening Group in reactivating the Village following the compounding disruptions of Covid and level crossing removal.

Mont Albert Village owes its existence to the establishment of a train stop on the Belgrave Lilydale line in an open field in 1892. By 1912, a station building and platforms were serving a growing community with stately homes set amongst garden estates. Over the course of the 20th century the Village continued to grow; however, the 21st century witnessed decline. In 2023, removing the Mont Albert Road level crossing involved the closure of Mont Albert railway station. The railway line is now set in a deep trench running past the Village, with the nearest station 400 metres away.

Following intense lobbying by locals, the Mont Albert Village Plaza was created on a wide platform straddling the rail trench, connecting the shopping village with a large part of Mont Albert that had previously been 'on the other side of the tracks'. The heritage station building, a quaint vestige of Melbourne's railway history, has been restored and moved 50 metres on to the Plaza to become a social venture café in 2026.

Over the past two years, curated gardens with herbs, vegetables, flowers and blossom trees have been created around the Plaza and in the Village, enhancing the 'walk back in time' ambience. Street activities such as scavenger hunts, school holiday activities, Christmas events and Halloween in Hamilton attract hundreds of families.

With its 1930s heritage architecture on a non-arterial road, Mont Albert Village is unique in Whitehorse City. Within walking distance along a tree-lined boulevard from the Box Hill high-rise precinct, the two centres complement each other. The Village is a walking path hub, part of the open space connected network radiating out of Box Hill. It is a daily destination and waypoint for many people walking their dogs, shopping for essentials, visiting the op shops, picking herbs, smelling flowers, or simply catching up with each other for a sidewalk coffee. New retailers and service providers have moved in, including a medical centre, dentist, management consultants and specialty shops offering high-end services such as garden design and musical instrument sales and repair. A three-storey office complex has been refurbished and occupied by four businesses, and a co-worker centre that's indicative of the demographic and business model transition underway.

Not leaving anything to chance, Whitehorse Council and locals have developed and are working together on realising a Placemaking Vision and Action plan. With strong public support, Hamilton Street was converted to one-way in October, greatly reducing traffic hazard in the shopping village. Streetscape redevelopment with widened footpaths, more garden beds, potted trees, attractive street and tree lighting and other features will take place over the next two years.

Buffered from hectic surrounds, Mont Albert Village is a pedestrian-friendly oasis where people can slow down and take a walk back in time.

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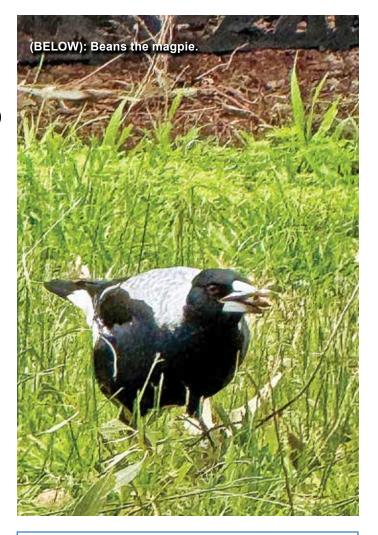
My head nods have evolved into a chipper "'mornin", which is acknowledged by its piercing beady eyes. I took our budding relationship to the next level when I threw a raw cashew its way. It clocked it, inspected it and ate it. My overtures of friendship have been accepted. I have named the magpie Beans.

Beans now intentionally waits for me at the street corner, as opposed to us meeting as we go about our business. Beans would treat me to its warble when I approached the corner, which distinguishes it from the other magpies in the area. Beans would saunter a few paces behind me and my dog as I round the corner, as if escorting me.

It is tempting to shower Beans with treats; but I am exercising restraint, in case I cause more harm than good, and I'm worried that I will make Beans reliant on me. After much research, I have a list of magpie friendship dos and don'ts, so that we can connect and enjoy these clever creatures that share our suburban landscape.

- Don't feed magpies plain mincemeat as it can cause calcium loss from their bones and beak.
 Safer food alternatives are chopped hard-boiled eggs, raw unsalted cashews, mealworms and Wombaroo Insectivore Mix.
- Avoid mushy foods, which can get caught in the edges of their beaks becoming a breeding ground for bad bacteria and cause beak rot.
- Other foods to avoid are bread, chocolate, alcohol and caffeine.
- Switch up the feeding intervals to avoid magpies becoming reliant, and to encourage them to continue to forage for their own food.
- Create a foraging box for enrichment and stimulation. The foraging box can be filled with bark, pebbles, slaters and worms.
- Set up a birdbath and replenish with clean water.

AGNES CHAN-YAM



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What is Reiki?

Originating in Japan, Reiki (pronounced "*Ray-Key*") was developed in the early 20th century by Mikao Usui. The Oxford Dictionary describes it as a healing technique where the therapist channels energy through touch, activating the body's natural processes and supporting wellbeing.

Research suggests that Reiki may contribute to improved quality of life. Professor Ann Baldwin explores this in *Reiki in Clinical Practice*, and a 2025 review examined the experiences of 661 participants aged 14 and above.

The Science Behind Reiki

While the concept of "life force energy" is abstract, contemporary scientific research explores possible mechanisms. Some suggest Reiki energy may be electromagnetic, interacting with the biofields of the heart and brain, and facilitating energy flow within the chakra system.

Over the past decade, Reiki has become more commonly used by nurses, physicians, and rehabilitation therapists in hospitals, hospice care, emergency departments, psychiatric facilities, nursing homes, operating rooms, and family practices.

Benefits of Reiki

Reiki has demonstrated several benefits, particularly in four areas:

• Stress, anxiety, and low mood: Reiki supports relaxation and calmness, which may be helpful during stressful times. Research indicates potential benefits for wellbeing and sleep.

- Supporting comfort: Reiki may complement other approaches to manage discomfort associated with conditions like arthritis and neuropathy. Some studies suggest it may contribute to wellbeing after caesarean sections and support post-surgery recovery.
- Supporting wellbeing during cancer treatment:
 Chemotherapy can impact physical, mental, and emotional health. Reiki may offer a supportive approach to enhance overall wellbeing during this time.
- Promoting emotional and physical balance: Reiki may support the parasympathetic nervous system, potentially contributing to a sense of balance and calmness. It may also foster feelings of peace and emotional release through the chakra system/channel.

Reiki: A Complementary Therapy

Reiki may offer a supportive approach to enhance wellbeing for those undergoing cancer treatment, recovering from surgery, or managing long-term health challenges. Sessions can be tailored to individual needs, ranging from shorter sessions (roughly 20 minutes) to extended regimens (eight sessions of around 60 minutes).

It's important to note that Reiki is not a substitute for conventional medical care; yet it may be used alongside conventional approaches to support overall wellbeing.

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Op-Shop Trails Op shopping in Mitcham









THE Mitcham shopping precinct makes a lovely spot for op-shopping despite the constant rush of traffic along Whitehorse Road.

There are four op shops in Mitcham, which you can do as an easy-walking loop. First up is the gorgeous All Sorts Op Shop (18 Edward Street) which is part of All Saints Anglican church. It's located at the very start of the Mitcham shopping precinct. I love the little garden that leads into the church and the volunteers are ever so friendly. There's plenty to sift through and there's a lovely warm vibe.

There are many dining options in this precinct. One of my favourites is Pho Minh Long, which faces Whitehorse Road and is a stone's throw from All Sorts Op Shop. It does a steady trade all day, and is often full during peak hours as punters come for their pho and other Vietnamese dishes. As a boon to those who partake in late breakfasts or early lunches, it is open from 11am (though a few times, I have dined at 10.30am and they've been more than happy to take my order along with others who were already tucking into their meals). It's no-frills, family-style dining that will leave you satisfied.

From All Sorts, walk along the back of the shops that are facing Whitehorse Road.

But if you're focussed on treasure hunting, continue past the old Coles, you'll spot ADRA Op Shop (37 Enterprise Way). It's an unassuming shop that is deeper than it looks. I have spotted a few nice things here in the past – mainly clothes and small homewares.

From here, go around the corner, which will bring you back to Whitehorse Road, and you'll spot the Salvos Op Shop (527-529 Whitehorse Road) on the left hand side. This is an op shop which I regularly check out as there is always a good turnover of items, which means I'm usually successful in finding treasure here.

Now we head across to the other side where Whitehorse Road intersects with Mitcham Road. Opposite the Mitcham Hotel is a small cluster of shops, one of which is the Rotary Clothesline Op Shop (5/432 Mitcham Road). Sadly, this cute-as-a-button op shop had a fire earlier this year and is now closed for refurbishment. At the time of writing, the op shop is intending to reopen in September; however, this has yet to happen. Hopefully by the time this issue of the Bulletin is out the op shop will be back open.

Until next time, happy hunting!

ANNA CHEUNG



FTER a long cold winter, it would be hard to find someone for whom the thought of summer does not brings a smile. It's the countdown to the festive season, long summer nights catching up with friends and a green light for outdoor adventuring. The rising temperatures also bring with them increased risk for your pets. Here are some dangers to be mindful of:

Heat stroke – A dangerous rise in internal body temperature.

- Symptoms may include weakness, confusion, excessive panting, drooling, vomiting, diarrhoea, lack of coordination and sticky or discoloured gums.
- **Note:** Breeds such as *brachycephalic* dogs (bulldogs, pugs and staffies), those with thick coats, overweight animals, and pets with heart and lung conditions carry a higher risk. Panting is one of the main ways our pets stay cool, as they do not sweat as we do.
- **Call to action:** Move affected pet/s into the shade, use room-temperature water on towels, placing them on the neck, groin, armpits, and call your vet ASAP.
- **Prevention:** Avoid walking your pets during the hottest parts of the day. Stick to early morning and late afternoons outings. Water bowls should be topped up with clean drinking water and available at all times. Whether they reside primarily indoors or outdoors, your pet should have access to a wellventilated, cool, shaded area.
- Tip: You can keep them cool and entertained with ice cubes in their water!

Burns from walking on hot surfaces

Symptoms: limping, red, blistered or raw footpads. To check place your hand palm-down on the surface for seven seconds – if it's too hot for your hand then it's too hot for your pet!

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- **Symptoms:** Same as heat stroke look for heavy panting, disorientation, or loss of consciousness.
- Reminder: Cracked windows and shade do not make it safe for a pet to be inside of a vehicle when it's hot out. Take a bowl and plenty of water with you to keep you and your pet hydrated if heading out on a road trip.

Sunburn – The Australian sun takes no prisoners and light-skinned, hairless, or recently shaved pets are most at risk.

- Symptoms may include redness, warmth, blistering on exposed skin.
- **Prevention:** Limit sun exposure during peak hours. Consider sun-protective clothing, but ensure it's breathable and doesn't cause overheating.

Wasp and bee stings

- Symptoms are usually only minor pain and irritation; however, like humans, some pets can go on to experience more severe allergic reactions.
- **Note:** If your pet is stung on the throat or mouth, stung multiple times, or the swelling is causing distress, contact your vet or emergency centre ASAP.
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What to include in your pet's first aid kit

- Emergency contacts: know the number and location of your nearest 24/7 veterinary emergency hospital or "bricks and mortar" clinic. Have the number of the Australian Animal Poisons Centre 1300 869 738 saved on your phone.
- Disposable gloves
- Saline solution for flushing eyes and wounds
- Sterile, absorbent wound pads/dressing
- Bandages, breathable adhesive tape
- Tweezers and bandage scissors
- A muzzle animals in pain can sometimes be unpredictable so this can be handy to have. Do not use if the animal is vomiting
- Spare leash and collar
- Your pet's full medical history including recent bloods.

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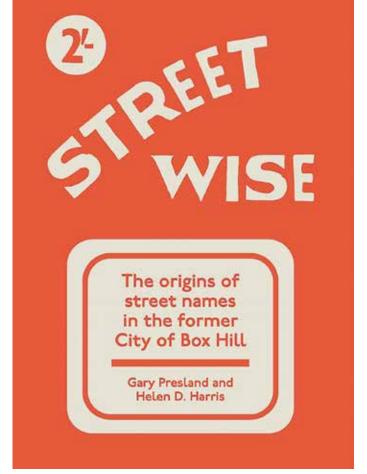
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ON 17 August the latest publication by the Box Hill Historical Society was launched by Emeritus Professor Graeme Davison AO at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

The book, *Streetwise: The origins of street names in the former City of Box Hill*, was researched and written by historians Dr Gary Presland and Helen D. Harris OAM, both committee members of the Society. The work involved tracing every street back to the time of its naming, usually through a subdivision, and trying to ascertain the reason for the choice of name. That part of Burwood that was under the control of the former City of Box Hill is included in the publication.

Copies of the book are available from the Society, either online at https://www.boxhillhistoricalsociety.com. au/shop-02/ or at the Society's premises at the Box Hill Town Hall any Tuesday between 11am and 4pm. The cost is \$40, with Society members receiving a \$5 discount.

Enquiries to boxhillhistory@gmail.com





BALWYN Evergreen Centre's Pilates exercise program is led by experienced instructor Joanne Morris and caters to all fitness levels, offering modifications for standing, chair and mat-based exercises.

Pilates is well known for its benefits in improving balance, flexibility and strength, making it an ideal addition to the Balwyn Evergreen exercise schedule. For Pilates client, Amy Struthers, the new class couldn't have come at a better time. Amy says:

"I have always been an active person – I've done yoga for years, Tai Chi, and I also play croquet. However lately, I have had some balance issues due to vertigo and I want to stay strong and flexible.

"I also have arthritis in my knees and hips and have been diagnosed with osteopenia, so I know how important it is to keep moving. Pilates will help me maintain my fitness and balance so I can continue living independently and keeping up with my two grandkids."

Instructor Joanne Morris adds:

"Our class is designed to be accessible for everyone, with exercises that can be done standing, seated or on a mat, depending on what's most comfortable. Many older adults experience a decline in muscle strength and posture over time, which can lead to falls. So improving core strength, balance and flexibility through Pilates can make a real difference to overall mobility."

Pilates classes are on Fridays from 11am to noon at Balwyn Evergreen Centre. For more information on Evergreen's exercise programs, visit www.

balwynevergreen.org.au/exercise-programs

DIANE FALZON

HOWZAT!

As kids we honed our cricket skills – and our celebration antics – playing street cricket on the long stretch of footpath beside 17 Madeline Street, Burwood (now Glen Iris). It was ideal for cricket because the bottom of the backyard fence was a 900mm concrete retaining wall. Above that was a 1.5-metre-high paling fence. Our cricket fostered unity and collaboration regardless of the players' gender or ability.

The wicket, usually a rubbish bin or a wooden fruit box, was placed at the junction of the Williams home and the cream brick retaining front fence belonging to the Missen family. A genuine zest for cricket breathed through our neighbourhood and our street cricket became its heartbeat. If we had teams, they were fluid, and the games continued until the sun set or adults intervened. Over the years we had the lot. A spinner who could bowl both leg-breaks and off-breaks; fast bowlers who could swing even a tennis ball and batsmen who could break windows or new shoots off plants.

Street cricket had its hazards. The obvious one was cars wanting to drive through the hallowed field. The bowler had to be aware of any cars between Morell and Nerissa streets. Occasionally visibility was an issue if our dad, Keith, was burning stuff in his backyard incinerator.

There was talent lingering in the street and the only ball tampering that occurred was putting some tape on the tennis ball. Some of our players rose from the street to conquer turf wickets. Neil "Spider" Williams opened the bowling for the Melbourne Cricket Club. He shared the new ball with Max Walker. Many players developed their unique style from street cricket. The great Sir Donald Bradman had an idiosyncratic grip and an unconventional stance, thanks to his younger days during which he practised hitting golf balls that bounced off the water tank in his back yard.

The four Williams boys never learned to pull or hook. Pulling the ball over the Francis family's front fence would damage flowers and trees so it was six and out. Hooking the ball down the hill of Chaleyer Street meant a long run for the batsman to stop the ball rolling 300 metres. Runs were mainly scored by



(ABOVE): My brother, Neil, bowling the MCC to a premiership.

hitting the ball past various power poles and driveways: it was possible to score 16 by having the ball reach Nerissa Street.

Like most street cricket communities, we had our own rules:

- 1. No ducks. A batter can't be given out until they have scored at least one run.
- 2. A catch had to be by only one hand if the ball came off a roof, fence or parked car.
- 3. If a dog got hold of the ball it was the bowler's job to get rid of the slobber.
- 4. There were no LBWs they were too contentious.
- 5. At times a "one hand one bounce" catch was used to even up the ledger, especially if the fielder was a youngster or a girl.
- 6. A batter must instantly retire if any ball hit or smashed a window, knocked over a plant in a pot or dented a car.

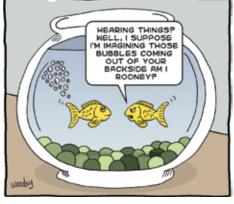
The bowling over continued until someone said, "How many you got left?" There was always two more. Sledging was encouraged but swearing was off limits.

Thinking back, our street cricket truly was good for us. We were outside in the fresh air and we were exercising. We were mixing with others, and we were learning the skills people needed for an active life. It gave us social and emotional connections. It taught us resilience and independence and informed risk-taking. It increased mutual trust.

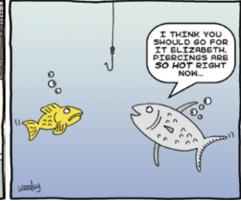
Our suburb might have been very middle class and a bit "cream brick veneer" ordinary, but it was my home sweet home and on reflection, street cricket was the heartbeat of our neighbourhood. *Howzat!* was the call that nourished a community.

STUART WILLIAMS

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Buses that were Part One

PICTURES: (This page) Bus timetable – Hartwell Station to Glenferrie Road, 10 September 1951; One of Carter's Bus Line vehicles; (Facing Page) 1936 Bedford bus used on the Hartwell to Glenferrie Road route; 1950s timetable – Toorak Rd Corner to Hartwell and Canterbury stations; Route 84A Federal bus.



Buses come and go as we stand at our regular stop anxious to get to work, to school, college or university, or to see friends or just go shopping. As we wait, little thought is given to the fact that back in time our area was serviced by some ten bus companies over routes from stations and shopping centres from Malvern across country to Canterbury.

Two bus companies are still operating today – Driver Brothers Pty Ltd, who started on 31 March 1931 and Ventura Motors Pty Ltd, on 24 December 1924. The other eight companies serving the developing eastern suburbs before and during World War II, and into the 1960s, gradually ceased to operate, with some of their routes swallowed up by Driver Brothers or Ventura Motors. Households had started to have their own motor vehicles. As a child and student – and indeed as a family – we travelled on many of the bus companies well before a new Holden appeared in our driveway.

Between 1925 and 1952, licences for bus routes in Melbourne were controlled and issued by the Melbourne City Council. The Minister, upon advice, authorised routes while the MCC determined the operator, based on application and a report on their "worthiness". Bus routes were unlikely to be authorised if they encroached on another route (bus or tram). The railways objected to any route that ran between stations, even if those routes were likely to act as feeders for the railways. This is why so many routes were circuitous in nature.

As a result, all of the ten local bus routes in the early 1930s connected with railway stations such as, Caulfield, Malvern, Tooronga, Gardiner, Glen Iris, Ashburton, Burwood, and Canterbury. However, none was more important than the Hartwell Station, with George Street on the west side and Fordham Avenue, with its small strip shopping centre, on the east side. Routes 56A, 61A, 84A and 99A all either

terminated or passed by Hartwell Station, which was in the heart of the 1930-40s housing boom.

Many long-term residents may well remember – and indeed have travelled – on one such route: 56A, which started in 1932 and ceased in 1952. It was a red bus, starting at Hartwell Station, travelling to Toorak Road, past Peate Ave (with its South Camberwell primary school), down over Burke Road to Tooronga Station, before making its way to the corner of Glenferrie Road and Toorak Road. Here a connection to the No 6 tram often took my mother to the sales in Chapel St, particularly at the landmark Charles Moore-Read Emporium, which sold almost everything for the house.

In the late 40s, I could look out my bedroom window down to the Regal Theatre corner, and if the red bus was there I would run up Dickens Street with my penny in my hand, reaching Toorak Road just in time to catch it to primary school. We would rush to the rear bench seat so we could intimidate approaching car drivers – and, in particular, the green Driver Brothers school bus often trying to pass us.

The bus depot was in Toorak Road next to H.K Phillips Grocery/Milk Bar at the corner of Radnor Street, and many of us, having befriended the driver, would often ride into the depot, an open block of land. As business was good a new second-hand tramways bus appeared – also painted red. It was an an oil burner and would discharge large volumes of black smoke that would often engulf the Driver Brothers bus behind us on our way to school in Toorak Road. Always an exciting start to the day!

Route 56A had several owners, starting with Albert Duve and G H May. It then sold to Raymond Walker; next to Alf Mundie, later to Ralph Irvine and finally to Stanley Edwards in 1949, who closed the service in 1952 as patronage dwindled with more family car owners.

Route 84A, from Hartwell, travelled from just outside the Regal Theatre via Highfield Road, Nevis Street, Fordham Avenue to Hartwell Station, back to Highfield Road and on to Canterbury Road, before turning west to the Canterbury Station. It was termed an Omnibus Service, for six days a week running every 20 minutes, finishing at 12.20am. Like most routes of the day, there was only a Sunday afternoon and evening 30-minute service. The Federal bus was light brown with red trim. Ron, the friendly driver, often allowed me as a 10-yearold to ride seated on a box between him and the side window. I was able to operate the slide-out signal arm for stopping and turning right. Quite an experience; though on one occasion, after some five trips and on returning back to the Regal Theatre, a not-so-amused mother was waiting to say I was well past being home!

Having started with owner Ian Skewes in 1936, route 84A ceased in 1955. It provided service to the increasing numbers of pupils at Hartwell Primary and Canterbury Primary Schools.

A Malvern Station via Tooronga Station to Hartwell Station route also operated regular services, although they printed on their timetable "Without your support we fail". They also noted that rising costs caused them to cut back on some services, and increase our fares from 4 pence to 8 pence.

Burwood Station was not left out, as it was serviced by two bus routes, one passing at Welfare Parade and the other at Bardolph Street with its flourishing shopping strip, boasting M A Richardson's chemist, G Lockie (the butcher), Mrs Paull's Millinery Service and others, such as hardware, fruiterer, corner milk bar and subnewsagency.

The many routes that serviced Burwood, Hartwell and the nearby suburbs during the growth years – 1930s to 1960s – all either ceased with the drop in patronage, families owning more cars, or were taken over by the more entrepreneurial Driver Brothers Pty Ltd or Ventura Motors Pty Ltd – all to be featured in Part 2.

GRAEME McCOUBRIE

The author acknowledges the assistance of the Bus & Coach Society of Victoria, Paul Kennelly Secretary.









Box Hill Reporter 8 January 1943

CHRISTMAS 1942

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE. -:0:-

BROADCAST BY RT. HON. R. G. MENZIES, K.C., M.P.

During 1942, week by week, it has been my privilege to speak to you about important current problems and to try to help both you and myself to clarify our minds on some of those questions which we must be able to answer if we are really to be good citizens in a good democracy. What I want to do tonight is to tell you how much I have valued the opportunity afforded to me by so many listeners-in, and to convey to you my warmest wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Victorious New Year.

Freedom is not purchased except at a great price; and it is one of the greatest misfortunes of war that the price can never in the nature of things be paid quite evenly. War leaves some of us relatively untouched. To others it brings black tragedy and irreparable loss.

My own thought tonight, like yours, is principally for those among us to whom what is normally a Merry Christmas gathering must bring sad memories. To all such I would most like to say this: that the whole progress of mankind towards that better way of life for which the world has been struggling for thousands of years is inevitably marked by great and grievous sacrifice. The Cross, which is the symbol the Christian faith, is itself the figure of sacrifice. Moreover, I do not believe that national and personal sacrifices in a great cause are ever fruitless.

To some who lost their sons in Greece, for example, that campaign must at one stage have seemed not only ill-advised and ill-fated, but futile, since it ended in defeat and evacuation. Yet, there are competent strategists who believe - and I think with great reason - that the delay imposed upon Germany in Greece postponed the German attack upon Russia for just long enough to spoil the German timetable and give Russia the opportunity which she so splendidly took in the winter of 1941/42, a winter which, as we now know, so weakened Germany that she must, by now, be admitting to herself that she cannot defeat Russia and that she cannot win this war. All these personal losses so gallantly borne must never be forgotten by us, either as individuals or as a nation. The tribute we must pay is not merely one of words, sincere though our words are. We must all so conduct ourselves that when the war is over Australia will be a country worthy of the lives of good and brave men. We are not to come into a heritage, which we may merely enjoy and dissipate. We are to succeed to a great trust, the obligations of which will be none the less real and far-reaching because they will not any longer call for the sacrifice of our lives but will demand the full and ungrudging service of our hearts and minds.

Growing up in Surrey Hills: Christmas 1960

The north wind is tossing the leaves . . .

THE childish voices drift from the classroom opposite. ⚠ This will be our grade next year. In our Grade four room we are busy making paper chains to decorate the room. We concentrate on cutting the pastel-coloured paper streamers to length and glueing the loops of chain together. Mr Sutherland pins the finished chains round the room and we admire our handiwork.

Outside in the school playground, swirls of yellowish dust drift on the warm breeze, and the leaves of the eucalypts release their pungent scent. Soon we will be ushered into the Great Hall to watch a film. It is to be *Bush Christmas*. We have seen it before but we have a high tolerance for repetition. We anticipate the scene when the children try eating snake for Christmas dinner. It is our cue to shriek in delighted horror.

The movie starts. We watch as the children are released from school for the summer and race to their lift home: not a car or even a bicycle, but a horse for each child. The flickering grey and white images on the screen and the jaunty music somehow evoke an idyllic Australian country town in high summer.

After the film comes to a satisfying ending, we return to our classroom to farewell our teacher and classmates for the summer. It seems very poignant to me now that we are never again to meet in the same place or in the same group.

However, as we say our goodbyes, we are full of anticipation. Shouldering our empty satchels, we set off for home through the sleepy suburban streets.

On a secret signal cicadas begin their exuberant shrieking. The air seems to vibrate with the sound. The occasional red flowering gum street tree makes a sumptuous scarlet display. The summer gardens we pass are full of colour. There are pink and purple fuchsia bells hanging in clusters. Lavender and rosemary give off fragrance in the hot sun, while in shady corners hydrangeas bear extravagant clusters of pink flowers. The air is full of fragrance and the sun is warm on our backs as we walk confidently into the future stretching before us.

The very next day, Saturday, is one of the most exciting events of the year: the Christmas party given by our father's company, Challingsworth, in Burnley. The Challingsworth Works Christmas Party deserves capital letters!

In the afternoon our family piles into our green Zephyr to make our way to St Bartholomew's church hall in Burnley St near Challingsworth. Our little brother is cuddled on Mum's lap in the front seat. This is not yet considered a crime! We are wearing our Sunday best; Dad has on a sports jacket and tie, and Mum is wearing a full-skirted cotton frock and a Sunday hat.

We stop at the dark red brick church and take our seats in the hall, which is echoing with the excited chatter of many boys and girls. There will be games and food, then Christmas carols in these innocent days.

We feast on fairy bread, chocolate crackles, lamingtons and – an unparalleled treat – soft drink! However, the most exciting part is still to come. As we take our seats again, we hear the distant jingle of bells . . . and can that be the sound of hooves? We crane around to the back of the hall and catch a glimmer of light in the gloom. Then Father Christmas himself appears, bearing a lantern. He makes his way to the front of the hall. We are awestruck. An assistant begins to call out the name of each child in turn. It is a long list. In



these years of post-war baby boom we are many, but Challingsworth is a generous employer.

'Gillian Craig!' Father Christmas hands me a squishy wrapped parcel with my name written on it. It contains a fat felt bunny. I love it!

As we drive home, I rest my hot forehead against the car window. I am utterly content. Magic has happened here tonight, and now the whole of summer stretches before us.

GILL BELL

Previously published in Eastsider News December 2024.

The Argus, 17 September 1915 CHRISTMAS, 1915.

"It is not too early to begin the work of organising the despatch of Christmas goods to our soldiers. ... The Argus."

Have you given a thought to Christmas Day, and what it will mean this year To those who are toiling away in a trench in a fashion that knows not fear Where the spirit of peace is a mocking ghost, that grins in the twilight grey, And the wrath of man makes a hollow sham of the message of Christmas Day! Aye, a cheerless Christmas is held in store for the men who came at the call, So won't you give just a little bit to those who have given their all? Oh, it may be in gold or it may be in gifts that your present you'll gladly pay -But shoulder your share, and help the boys, to remember their Christmas Day The men who fought at Sari Bair will have no Christmas tree For Santa Claus in a submarine is interned beneath the sea. But perhaps it's a pipe or a pair of socks - we'll never let anyone say That we ever allowed our boys to think we'd forgotten their Christmas Day! Oh, the days are drawing to weary weeks, and the year is growing old, The Eastern air will soon be charged with a breath of the coming cold; So get in quickly and "do it now," ere the time has slipped away "It isn't too early to start to work for our soldiers' Christmas Day".

- "Oriel" in "The Argus"



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The Preuss of living

T'S funny how the smallest things in life can sometimes have consequences.

That bit of philosophising aside, perhaps the smallest item in the last issue of the Bulletin was the one about which we received a "Letter to the Editor": a reprint (to fill space!) of a 1902 newspaper advertisement for Otto Preuss, Undertakers.

Hi folks

I was reading through the latest issue (177, Spring 2025) of the Burwood Bulletin and saw the nice old advertisement on page 7.

The name "Otto Preuss" rang a bell in my mind. As a young'un, (I'm now approaching 60) when I'd ride my bike through Box Hill Cemetery, a neat little headstone used to regularly catch my eye and stuck in my mind: "OTTO & MATILDA PREUSS".

I've just revisited the cemetery and found it, sadly now broken and sunken. I've attached a picture.

I then did a bit of Googling and found, thanks to a Facebook post from Surrey Hills Historical Society, that Otto also had a site in Surrey Hills.

Anyway, I just wanted to put this together (and contribute the existence/location of his grave) in an email and pass it on to you.

Chris Naylor (Blackburn)

The article to which Chris refers documented the discovery – in the process of a 2014 demolition – of a 'Ghost sign':

For the last few weeks, demolition, making way for a Coles supermarket, has been undertaken at the site in Union Road formerly occupied by NewLitho printing. Their site actually extended over five or more sites previously occupied by a variety of businesses. One of these was Otto Preuss, Undertaker. Yesterday part of his advertising reappeared after many decades. It was probably last seen in the 1930s or 1940s.

Otto Heinrich Julius Preuss was born in c1845 in Prussia (now part of Poland). He arrived in Victoria from the USA in c1881 and established himself as an undertaker in Hawthorn, residing at 214 Burwood Road. He became naturalised in 1894 and he and his wife Matilde had four sons and two daughters.

It is not known when Otto expanded his business to Surrey Hills, but photos exist that show his advertising on the sides of two separate buildings.

With thanks to Surrey Hills Historical Society.

PICTURES (from top): The advertisement; The Surrey Hills location in 1906; The sign rediscovered in 2014; The sadly decrepit Preuss headstone at Box Hill Cemetery.

in the kitchen

*Original measurements have been converted to metric.

OOKING for something gay and Christmassy to ⊿make at home? Well, here are snowballs and snowmen for your consideration.

SNOWBALLS

285gm sugar, 1 dessertspoon glucose (about 30ml), 145ml water (or orange water), 25gm gelatine, 145ml water to dissolve gelatine, 1 egg white.

Boil sugar and water and glucose to 125 degrees Celcius. in one saucepan. Meanwhile melt gelatine in 145ml of water in another saucepan. Add essence to gelatine. Beat white of egg stiffly. When ready, pour from both saucepans into large basin. Add stiffly-beaten white of egg and beat with whisk till stiff. Then use a wooden spoon till it will stand up in mixture unsupported. Leave mixture in basin ½ hr. Then turn on to a marble slab or meat dish. Sprinkle with icing sugar. Leave about 1 hr. exposed to air. Rub in icing sugar and cut into shapes.

CHOCOLATE COVERING

Melt 115gm milk chocolate (block milk) in double saucepan. Add 1 teaspoonful boiling water and a few drops of vanilla essence. Dip snowballs in and roll in desiccated coconut.

NOTE. If without a thermometer, test mixture in a cup of cold water. It should go to "soft ball." Cook a little longer, but do it let it go to "crack".

SNOWMEN

Make six balls a little smaller, six a little larger. Roll in coconut, pile smaller balls on larger, and make features of raisins and cherries.



This article from The Australian HOME BEAUTIFUL December 1949.



Welcome Didi

Continued from page 11

For him, the most rewarding aspect of the job is connecting with others and learning about their unique stories, where they've come from, what brought them to the House and what they hope to find. His genuine interest to understand others reflect a humble, heartfelt approach that perfectly embodies the spirit of the Burwood Neighbourhood House.

Neighbourhood houses have long been the heartbeat of suburbs like Burwood - places where people of all backgrounds can gather, learn and share life together. These local hubs build the quiet, enduring connections that hold a community together. Under Didi's stewardship, the Burwood Neighbourhood House looks set to continue that proud tradition while gently evolving to meet the needs of a changing suburb and community.

So, if you haven't visited the House in a while, or if you've never been, now might be the perfect time to stop by. You'll likely be greeted by Didi himself, eager to learn who you are and how the House can support you.

As Burwood begins this new chapter, the community extends a warm welcome to Didi Mudigdo. We're excited to see how his leadership will help the House continue to thrive. Welcome to Burwood, Didi!

YOSHANTHI WELLAWA



Anglican Church of the Ascension, East Burwood

Cnr Blackburn Rd & Witchwood Cres.

Wed 24 Dec 5pm Children's Christmas Service

Wed 24 Dec 11:30pm Midnight Mass

Thur 25 Dec 9:30am Family Christmas Service

Ashburton Baptist Church

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Wed 3 Dec, 7pm Service of Remembrance

Wed 24 Dec, 6pm: 'Children led' Christmas Eve service

Thur 25 Dec, 9:30am Christmas Day service

Ashburton-Burwood Uniting Churches

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Wed 24 Dec 7:30pm, Christmas Eve Service (Burwood); 11.30pm, Christmas Eve Service (Ashburton)

Thur 25 Dec 9:30am, Christmas Day Service (Burwood) Sun 28 Dec 10am Service at Burwood

Burwood Community Presbyterian

Cnr of Greenwood St & Tennyson St. Sat 13 Dec 4pm Christmas Carols event (see p54 for details)

Thurs 25 Dec 10am Christmas Service

Camberwell Baptist Church

460 Riversdale Rd, Hawthorn East (cnr Riversdale Rd & Wills St)

Sun 7 Dec 10am Living Nativity (dress as your favourite Nativity Character, or choose a costume at church); 10:45am Explore the Christmas story through craft and activities

Camberwell Baptist Church (continued)

Sun 14 Dec 5:30pm Sausage Sizzle, followed by Community Carols @ 7pm.

Sun 21 Dec 10am service followed by Community Pot-Luck lunch at 11:30am.

Thur 25 Dec 9:30am Christmas Day Service.

Camberwell South Anglican

Cnr Toorak Rd & Bowen St. Sun 14 Dec 10am Christmas Puppet Show Sun 21 Dec 10am Lessons and Carols Service Thur 25 Dec 10am Christmas Day Service and Lord's Supper

Corps Camberwell

7–11 Bowen St. Ph. 9518 2100 Sun 7 Dec 10am Service & Christmas Giving Tree

Sun 14 Dec 10am Service

Sun 21 Dec 10am Service

Sun 21 Dec 6pm Carol Service

Thur 25 Dec 10am Christmas Day Service Sun 28 Dec 10am Reflection Service

Holy Trinity Surrey Hills

177 Union Rd

Sun 14 Dec 7pm Service of Lessons and Carols Wed 24 Dec 5.30pm Family Christmas Service, "The Nativity" with carols; 11.30pm Midnight Mass (Carol singing 11.00pm)

Thur 25 Dec 9:30pm Christmas Holy Communion and Carols

Melbourne CSI Church

334 High St, Ashburton. Sat 6 Dec 6pm Carol Service w: melbournecsichurch.org.au

See page 54 for other Christmas events



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Alamein Alamein Learning Centre, 49 Ashburn Gr. **Ashburton** Craig Family Centre, 7 Samarinda Ave • Hi-Clean Dry Cleaners, 409 High St • J.J. Sushi, 279 High St • Library foyer, 154 High St • Ashburton Community Centre, 160 High St • Ashburton Railway Station, Welfare Pde.

Ashwood Ashwood Newsagency, 503 Warrigal Rd · Banger Burger, 499 Warrigal Rd · Power N'hood House, 54 Power Ave • Hi-Clean Dry Cleaners, 409 High St.

Balwyn Balwyn Library, 336 Whitehorse Rd · Balwyn Community Centre, 412 Whitehorse Rd, Surrey Hills.

Bennettswood Bennettswood N'hood House, 7 Greenwood St · Bennettswood PO, 79 Station St, Burwood.

Blackburn Koonung Neighbourhood House, 109 Koonung Rd, Blackburn Nth • Library, Blackburn Rd Blackburn Sth · Charlotte's Corner, Cnr Canterbury Rd & Charlotte St • The Avenue N'hood House @ Eley, 87 Eley Rd • King Chooks, 9/96 Canterbury Rd Sweet Blends Café, 191A Middleborough Rd.

Box Hill Library, 1040 Whitehorse Rd • Whitehorse Community Health Cntr, 43 Carrington Rd.

Box Hill Sth Box Hill South Family Centre, Rotary Crt • Box Hill South N'hood House, 47 Kitchener St.

Burwood Burwood Café, 11 Faelon St · Burwood Newsagency, 1394 Toorak Rd • Burwood Neighbourhood House, 1 Church St · Boroondara Lions Op Shop, 1350C Toorak Rd • Burwood Health Centre, 400 Burwood Hwy · Camberwell East Medical Centre, 236 Warrigal Rd • Pebble-Mix, 84 Highbury Rd.

St Benedict's Catholic Community

299 Warrigal Rd, Burwood

Wed 24 Dec 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass with Carols Wed 24 Dec Midnight Mass with Carols starting 11:30pm

Thur 25 Dec 10am Christmas Day Mass

St Clare Church

138 Woodhouse Gve, Box Hill Nth Wed 24 Dec 8:30pm Carols; 9pm Mass

Thur 25 Dec 9am Christmas Day Mass

Thur 25 Dec 11am Italian Mass

St Faith's Burwood

6-8 Charles St, Glen Iris

Wed 24 Dec 5pm Children's Service and Crib Blessing

Wed 24 Dec 10pm Sung Eucharist (followed by

Champagne & Christmas treats)

Thur 25 Dec 10am Sung Eucharist

Enq: office@stfaithsburwood.org.au

St Francis Xavier Church

Cnr Whitehorse Rd & Dorking Rd, Box Hill

Wed 24 Dec 4pm Seniors' Mass

Wed 24 Dec 6pm Carols

Wed 24 Dec 6:30pm Family Mass

Wed 24 Dec Midnight Mass

Thur 25 Dec 11am Christmas Day Service

St John's Camberwell

552 Burke Rd.

Sun 14 Dec 6pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Wed 17 Dec 6pm Children's Christmas Service

Wed 24 Dec Midnight Mass (10pm Carols; 10:30pm

Thur 25 Dec 10am Christmas Day Service

St Michael's Catholic Church

270 High St, Ashburton

Wed 24 Dec 4pm Vigil Mass; 6pm Vigil Mass

Wed 24 Dec 10:30pm Carols; 11pm Mass

Thur 25 Dec 10:30am Mass with carols

St Oswald's Anglican Church Glen Iris

100 High St.

Sun 21 Dec 7pm Carols and Lessons

Wed 24 Dec 4pm Children's Christmas Service

Wed 24 Dec 7:30pm Christmas Eve Sung Eucharist

Thur 25 Dec 8am Christmas Day Eucharist

Thur 25 Dec 10am Christmas Day Sung Eucharist

St Paul's Lutheran Church, Box Hill

1201 Riversdale Rd, Box Hill Sth.

Sun 21 Dec 8pm Lessons and Carols

Wed 24 Dec 5pm Family Christmas Service

Wed 24 Dec 6:30pm Lessons and Carols

Wed 24 Dec 8:30pm Lessons and Carols

Thur 25 Dec 9:30am Christmas Day Service

St Peter's Anglican Church

1038 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill

Sun 21 Dec 7pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Wed 24 Dec 6pm Family service; 11pm First service of Christmas

Thur 25 Dec 9:30am Eucharist www.anglicansboxhill.org.au

St Stephen and Mary

383 High Street Rd, Mt Waverley

Sun 7 Dec 5pm – Carol Service

Wed 24 Dec 5pm – Christmas Eve Family Service

Wed 24 Dec 11pm – Christmas Eve Service

Thurs 25 Dec 9:30am – Christmas Day Service

St Thomas Burwood

44 Station St.

(services are in English unless otherwise indicated)

Wed 24 Dec 5pm Kids Christmas Eve Service

Wed 24 Dec 11pm Midnight Christmas Eve

Thur 25 Dec 9am Christmas Day Service (English)

Thur 25 Dec 10am Christmas Day Mandarin Service

Wattle Park Chapel

234 Elgar Rd, Box Hill Sth

Sun 14 Dec 5:30pm Christmas BBQ and Carols

Burwood East Burwood Brickworks, 70

Middleborough Rd • Burwood One Ferguson Plarre, 172-210 Burwood Hwy • East Burwood Travel, 6/2 Burwood Hwy · Sofia's Restaurant, 299 Burwood Hwy • Burwood Heights Uniting Church, 347 Blackburn Rd • Spizzico Café & RSPCA Op Shop, Burwood Heights Shopping Centre • Woolworths, East Burwood, 42 Burwood Hwy.

Camberwell Bowen Street Community Centre, 102 Bowen St • Garvey Real Estate, 195 Through Rd · Library, 340 Camberwell Rd.

Canterbury Canterbury N'hood Centre, 2 Kendall St • BASSCare, 2 Rochester Rd.

Chadstone Amaroo N'hood Centre, 34 Amaroo St.

Forest Hill John Mullahy MP, 2 Brentford Square; Uniting Op Shop, 333A Canterbury Rd
 YES Op

Shop, 53 Mahoneys Rd • Forest Hill Police Station, 469 Springvale Rd.

Glen Iris Uniting Church, Hyslop St • Hawthorn U3A, 26 Sinclair Ave • St Faith's Anglican Church, 4 Charles St.

Hartwell Hartwell P.O., 1166 Toorak Rd • Fordham Ave Milk Bar, 116 Fordham Ave.

Hawthorn Library, 584 Glenferrie Rd.

Kew Library, Cnr Cotham Rd & Civic Dr.

Malvern East Phoenix Park N'hood House, 22 Rob Roy Rd • Phoenix Park Library, 30 Rob Roy Rd.

Mont Albert The Boulevard, 369 Mont Albert Rd

 Mont Albert Post Office, 1a Hamilton St
 Mont Albert Florist, 1 Hamilton St.

Surrey Hills N'hood Centre, 157 Union Rd.

Vermont Stev-Computer, 71 Morack Rd • Vermont South Library, Pavey Place.

Wattle Park Rotary Recycle Op Shop, 1113 Riversdale Rd.

Community Centres & Activities

Alamein N'hood & Learning

49 Ashburn Gr, Ashburton. Home Maintenance classes, EAL & literacy, Yoga, Pilates, Body Core Strength, iPads, Technology, Financial Wellbeing, Career/Employment, Volunteering. Men's Shed Tues AM & PM. Shopping Bus & seniors' excursions. e: admin@alameinnlc.com.au w: alameinnlc.com.au Ph. 9885 9401.

Amaroo Neighbourhood Centre

34 Amaroo St, Chadstone. Ph. 9807 2625 Room Hire, ACV GARDS Metro Asbestos Support Group, Art Therapy, Tai Chi, Young Women's Arthritis Support, Circle for Natural Aid. Free Bread, Haircuts, Comm. Lunch, Op Shop. Volunteers Welcome. e: Rain.Rai@amaroonc.org.au

Ashburton Community Centre

e: office@ashburtonc.org.au Termbased classes, workshops, casual classes & social activities. Free trials available. Room hire for meetings & training. See our website for more details & to enrol online. w: ashburtoncc.org.au

Ashburton Seniors Centre

296 High St Ashburton. Ph. 1300 591 464. Exercise programs incl.: Gentle exercise, Line dancing, Zumba Gold, Qui Gong. Social activities include: Bus excursions, Table Games, Craft, Art, Entertainers & quest speakers. w: samarinda.org.au

Avenue N'hood House @ Eley

87 Eley Rd, Blackburn Sth. Activities & classes incl. exercise, crochet, mahjong, writing, yoga, computers, poetry, ukulele, iPads, meditation, line dancing, scrabble, social cards, sketching, bingo, carpet bowls & Pilates. Weekly cafe (Fri), accr. programs for special needs; Refresh for teens. Ph. 9808 2000. e: info@theavenue.org.au w: theavenue.org.au

Balwyn Community Centre, Surrey
Hills 412 Whitehorse Rd. Ph. 9836 7942
Classes/workshops incl. art; crafts, cooking,
language (Italian, French, German); fitness/
exercise, Pilates, Yoga, Tai Chi, meditation.
Special interest groups, monthly Vege
Swap & community groups. Function
Centre small room hire. w: balwyncc.org.au

Balwyn Evergreen Centre 45 Talbot Ave. Ph. 9836 9681. Over 65s activities: group exercises, line dancing, outings, community lunch/entertainment, Supported Lifestyle Program, ladies' discussion group, men's exercise, info sessions, transport, podiatry, rooms for hire.

e: office@balwynevergreen.org.au w: balwynevergreen.org.au

e: reception@balwyncc.org.au

BASScare The Canterbury Centre, 2 Rochester Rd. Activities for over 55s incl. outings, exercise, Seniors Yoga, Strength & Balance, art/craft groups & tech assistance. Ph. 9889 4709. e: socialsupport@basscare.org.au w: basscare.org.au

Bennettswood N'hood House

7 Greenwood St, Burwood. Ph. 9888 0234. Social groups & activities: arts, music (ukulele/singing), Be Connected technology training, gentle exercise, dementia-friendly lunches & venue hire for community groups, children's parties/classes. e: info@bennettswoodnh.org.au w: bennettswoodnh.org.au

Blackburn North N'hood House

109 Koonung Rd, Blackburn Nth. Classes/workshops incl. Exercise, Yoga, Watercolour painting, Childcare & community playgroup, Drawing, Craft, Mahjong, Book Groups, Grandparents' Playgroup, Men's walking group, support groups & venue hire. Ph. 9878 6632. e: admin@blackburnnorthnh.org.au w: blackburnnorthnh.org.au

Bowen Street Community Centre

102 Bowen St Camberwell. Ph. 9889 0791. Activities incl Playgroups, IT help, Italian, Yoga, Sewing & Language Conversation classes. CCS Approv. Childcare: 3 & 5 hr Wed & Fri, 5hr Thurs. Party/meeting rooms for hire. w: bowenstreet.org.au e: info@bowenstreet.org.au

Box Hill South N'hood House

47 Kitchener Street. Ph. 9898 8270. w: bhsnh.org.au Programs include fitness (Yoga, Pilates, Strength training), Art/crafts (watercolour, botanical drawing, craft). Languages: French. Group & social activities, computer training. Whitehorse Urban Harvest Swap. Umbrella Dementia café. Room hire. e: info@bhsnh.org.au

Camberwell Community Centre

33 Fairholm Grove. Acrylics, Pastels, Drawing, Oil Painting, Watercolour, French, German, Spanish, Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, Line Dancing, Qigong, Pottery, Walking Group, Book Club, Bridge, Solo, Mahjong, Seniors Groups Ph. 9882 2611 e: contact@camberwellcc.org.au w: camberwellcommunitycentre.org.au

Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre

2 Kendall Street. Watercolour, open art, upholstery, literature, writing, history, yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, Zumba, walking groups, book clubs, French and Italian language classes, mah jong, bridge, garden club and more. Free trials available. Ph. 9830 4214 w: canterburync.org.au

Clota Cottage Neighbourhood House

31 Clota Ave, Box Hill. Ph. 9899 0062.
Learn/socialise/join in. Courses: Computers/
Digital Devices, Business Admin. Chinese
speaking computer group. English &
Mandarin classes. CHSP activities for over
65s incl. exercise, movies & outings.
Gardening group, volunteer opportunities
etc. Visit website for info. & sign up for our
newsletter: clotacottage.org.au

Craig Family Centre 7 Samarinda Ave, Ashburton Ph. 9885 7789. Occ. Care & Kinder programs, Facilitated Playgroups, Primary & Secondary homework support, Seniors Activities, Volunteer Opportunities, Hall Hire. e: enquiries@craigfc.org.au w: craigfc.org.au

Kerrie Rd Neighbourhood House

36 Kincumber Dve Glen Waverley. Ph. 9887 6226. Yoga, Strength Training, Pilates, Gentle Exercise, Salsa Dancing, Kids'/adults' Art Classes, Playgroup, French/Spanish classes, Mon. Walking Group, Knitting Group, Japanese Playgroup, Waverley Widowed Support Group, Hungarian Social Group. e: info@knh.org.au w: knh.org.au

Kerrimuir Neighbourhood House

57 Linda Ave Box Hill Nth. Range of classes & activities to suit all ages. From Art Classes to Strength & Fitness. See our website for more details: Ph. 9899 7660. w: kerrimuirhouse.org.au

Louise Multicultural Comm. Centre

Suite 8, Town Hall Hub, 27 Bank Street, Box Hill. Ph. 9285 4850. Classes/activities: EAL/ESL (beginners, inter., advanced), Mandarin, Computer/iPad, Conversation Groups, Korean Drumming, Knitting, Social interest, Aust. Culture & History, Chinese & Korean Calligraphy; Dancing for Fitness. w: louise.org.au, e: info@louise.org.au

Mount Street N'hood House

6 Mount St, Glen Waverley. Ph. 9803 8706. Drawing/Painting, Mosaic, Decoupage, Paper Tole, Patchwork & Quilting, Yoga, Strength Training, Pilates, Gentle Exercise, Meditation, Seniors IT – basic & advanced computer skills, Tablets, Smartphones. e: mountst@msnh.org.au w: msnh.org.au

Phoenix Park N'hood House

22 Rob Roy Rd Malvern East. Walking groups, Pilates, Yoga, Tai Chi, HeartFIT, Zumba gold. iPad /Tablets classes. Art classes adults/children. Writers, Discussion, Film & photography groups. Mahjong, Singers, Art & Craft. Hrs 9–4:30/3pm Fri) Ph. 9530 4397 w: phoenixparknh.org.au

Power Neighbourhood House

54 Power Ave, Ashwood. Ph. 8849 9707. e: office@powernh.org.au English Language, Art for Health & Wellbeing, Gardening, Children's Storytime, Chinese Social Group, Art & Craft, Carer Support, Connecting Teens, Yoga, Crochet & Knitting, Book Group, Homework Club, Asperger's Vic., C'well Salvos, Free Bread Tuesdays, Public Computer Access, Wheelchair access. w: powernh.org.au

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre

157 Union Road. Ph. 9890 2467.
e: enquiries@surreyhillsnc.org.au
w: surreyhillsnc.org.au Mon-Thu 9am3:30pm Fri 9am-2:30pm. Venue hire.
Playgroup, drop in m/tea, disc. groups,
laughter, painting & drawing, craft,
cooking. Active: Tai Chi, bike riding, Pilates,
walking, yoga, Qi Gong, strength training,
short courses, workshops.

Waverley Community Learning Centre

5 Fleet St, Mt Waverley. Ph. 9807 6011. Programs & activities include: art, sewing, crochet, fitness drumming, pilates, strength training, yoga, calligraphy, creative writing, technology, English classes, children's art, Lego robotics, cooking & more. w: wclc.org.au e: info@wclc.org.au

So much under one roof! Something for all!

Short Courses and Activities Term 4 2025 & Term 1 2026

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Bookings essential!



6 November 12:30pm

Come and celebrate the races with us. Wear your favorite hat and join us for lunch. Phone for Bookings.



5 December 12 noon

Gather your friends and family and join us in celebrating the festive season, with a threecourse lunch.

Phone for Bookings 9808-6292



COMMUNITY BUS TRIPS

Monthly Bus trips to various destinations.

20 Nov Jo Ryan: Lett4ms sculpture exhibition 19 Feb 2026 Phone for more information



East Meets West

Sun 21 Dec 2pm A multicultural concert featuring dance and music by our talented local community. bit.ly/bnh-east-west

HEALTH & WELLBEING CLASSES

Yoga	Monday	9:05am – 10:05am
Walking for Carers(1st Mon/month) Monday		10am – 11:30am
Meditation	Monday	10:30am – 11:30am
Social Walking	Wednesday	10:30am - 11:30am
Social Scrabble	Wednesday	10:00am – 1:00pm
Strength Training	Thursday	9:15am – 10:15am
Tai Chi	Thursday	10:30am – 11:30am
Zumba	Friday	9:30am – 10:30am

PLAYGROUP: New groups and individuals welcome. Large room and backyard. Lots of equipment. Low-cost am/pm. Lots of equipment, sandpit and cubby.

CHILDRENS PARTIES: A large room and kitchen available plus the playground. Affordable.

Important Notice: Change in Recycling Policy

Burwood Neigbourhood House no longer accepts medicine blister packs for recycling. For more information visit bit.ly/bnh-noblister

BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS SUPPORT



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Can you help?

Admin, data entry support, packaging, dispatch team. WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE.

FOOD BANK AVAILABLE 24/7 we have out the front non-perishable foods. As there are more people suffering in the community, please only take a limited amount, leaving some for the next person. Donations to the Foodbank are appreciated.

FROZEN TAKE AWAY FOOD

WE URGENTLY NEED A VOLUNTEER for the vulnerable in our community.

BREAD Available next to our Foodbank. **SQUARES for BLANKETS** for the homeless. WAR AGAINST WASTE We collect old reading glasses, plastic bottle tops, canvas shopping bags.

WORK EXPERIENCE Available.

VOLUNTEERS welcome in all aspects: admin, marketing, cleaning, gardening, handyman (small maintenance), Foodbank assistance.

TUTORS OR INSTRUCTORS WANTED

Join our team seeking new activities and skills. Cooking tutors wanted. Contact the office and teach at our centre.

Office Hours 10am-3pm Monday-Friday (closed school holidays) Email contact@burwoodneighbourhoodhouse.org.au Web: www.burwoodneighbourhoodhouse.org.au

Check the office for any day or time changes. Like us on FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

ANGLICAN

Camberwell South Anglican

Cnr Toorak Rd & Bowen St. 10am Sunday. Rev David Huynh. Ph: 9889 4813. e: david@csac.org.au

Church of the Ascension, East Burwood Cnr Blackburn Rd & Witchwood Cres. Sun. 8am, 9:30am; Wed. 10am; Fri. 9:30am. Ph. 9802 4863. w: ascensionchurch.org.au

Holy Trinity, Surrey Hills Cnr Union Rd & Montrose St. Sun 8am, 9:30am, weekly on Wed 10am. 1st Sun 11.15am Kids' Church; 5pm Choral Evensong. Vicar: Rev. Mark Pearce. Office: 9890 2165. w: holytrinity.sh

St Dunstan's, Camberwell 163 Wattle Valley Rd. Vicar: Fr. Jobby John. Services Sun 9.30 am. Other activities, subject to prevailing COVID restrictions. w: stdunstans.org.au

St Edward's, Blackburn South

59 Edinburgh Rd. 10.15am Sun service. Vicar: Ros Armstrong, e: office@stedwards.org.au

St Faith's, Burwood 6-8 Charles St., Glen Iris. Rev. Heather Scott 0433 477 365 e: office@stfaithsburwood.org.au Sun. Eucharist 10am. Labyrinth open daily Updates/special events: www.stfaithsburwood.org.au

St John's Camberwell 552 Burke Rd Camberwell. Communion: Sun 8am, 10am & 6pm. Tues 12noon. 1st Wed 6:30pm Taize. Ph 9882 4851 e: office@stjc.org.au

St Matthew's, Ashburton

334 High St (cnr Warrigal Rd). Communion: Sun. 9:15am (English) and 10:30am (Malayalam).

St Oswald's, Glen Iris 100 High St, Glen Iris. Ph. 9885 1125. Sun 8am & 10am, Wed. 10am Holy Communion. e: admin@stoswaldsgleniris.net.au

St Peter's, Box Hill 1038 Whitehorse Rd. Rev. Victor Fan. Services: Sun. 8am, 9.30am, 11:30am (Mandarin Bible Study), 2pm (Dinka). Wed. 10:30am. Ph. 9899 5122 w: anglicansboxhill.org.au

St Stephen & St Mary, Mt Waverley 383 High Street Rd. Vicar: Rev. Dianne Sharrock. Sun. 8:30am and 10am. Thurs. 10am. Ph. 9807 3168; 0407 334 928. w: stephenandmary.org.au

St Thomas', Burwood 44 Station St. Vicar: Rev. John Carrick Ph. 9808 3250. Sun. Svcs: 8.15am, 10am (English), 10am (Mandarin), 11.45am (Cantonese), e: info@sttoms.org

BAPTIST

Ashburton Baptist 8 Y St, Ashburton. Services: Sun 10am (incl. Sunday Club). Ph. 9885 8210 w: ashburtonbaptist.org.au e: info@ashburtonbaptist.org.au

Camberwell Baptist Cnr Riversdale Road and Wills St, Hawthorn East. Sunday Service 10am. Ph. 9813 0538. e: office@camberwellbaptist.org

Crossway Baptist, East Burwood

2 Vision Dr. Eng.: Sat. 5pm; Sun. 8:45/10:15am. Mandarin: Sat. 5pm; Sun. 10:15am (Zoom). Cantonese: Sun. 8:45/10:15am. Korean: Sun. 10:15am. Indonesian: Sun. 10:15am. w: crossway.org.au

East Camberwell Baptist

Cnr Highfield & Hunter Roads, East Camberwell. Sun. 10:30am. Pastor: Murray Hogg. Ph. 9836 6063.

Syndal Baptist 588 High Street Rd, Glen Waverley (park off Tricks Ct) Sun. 9am, 11am & 5pm. Ph. 9803 9144, e: admin@sb.org.au w: sb.org.au

CATHOLIC

St Benedict's, Burwood 299 Warrigal Rd. Ph. 9808 2492. Fr Cameron Smith MGL Mass 5pm Sat, 10am & 5pm Sun. 9am Tue-Sat. w: stbenedicts.com.au e: admin@stbenedicts.com.au,

St Francis Xavier/St Clare Parish, Greater Box Hill SFX Church - Cnr Whitehorse & Dorking rds, Box Hill/St Clare Church 138 Woodhouse Gve, Box Hill Nth Father Ignatius Tan. Ph: 9401 6371 Mass: SFX Mon - Fri noon, Sat 5:30pm, Sun 7:30am, 10:15am, 5:30pm **St Clare** Wed 9am, Thu 7pm, Sat 9am, Sun 9am, Italian 11am. e: boxhill@cam.org.au w: melbcatholic.org/s/boxhill

St Michael's, Ashburton 268 High Street. Parish Priest: Fr Laurence Cortez. Ph. 9401 6345. Mass: Sat 6:30pm, Sun, 9am, 10:30am. Tues-Fri 10am. e: ashburton@cam.org.au

St Scholastica's, Bennettswood

348 Burwood Hwy. Fr Cameron Smith MGL. Mon 11am; Tues 9am; Wed 11am; Thurs/ Fri 9am; Sat 5:30pm; Sun 9am, 11am. Ph. 9808 2492

e: admin@stscholasticaparish.com.au

LUTHERAN

St Paul's Lutheran Church, Box Hill

1201 Riversdale Rd, Box Hill Sth. English Sun. Service 9:30am, HC; 1st/3rd Tues 1pm. Ph. 9899 0623.

Chinese Lutheran Church of Vic Mandarin & Cantonese Sun 2pm. w: clcv.org.au

Uniting/Presbyterian

Ashburton-Burwood Uniting **Church** 3 Ashburn Gve, Ashburton

/1 Hyslop St, Glen Iris. Ph. 9809 1705. Rev. Lavingi Tupou. Sun Service 10am. Hyslop St. Hall Hire: Pam 9809 2917. Eng. ashburtonuniting@gmail.com or burwooduc146@gmail.com

Ashburton Presbyterian cnr High St & High Street Rd, Opp. 391 High St. Pastor: Rev. Barry Oakes. Sun. 10am. e: office@ashburtonpc.org.au w: ashburtonpc.org.au

Burwood Community Presbyterian Cnr of Greenwood & Tennyson Sts. Sun. worship 11am Rev Dr John Elnatan Ph. 0431 662 869. e: john@bcpc.net.au

Burwood Heights Uniting Church

Cnr Burwood Hwy & Blackburn Rd. Burwood East. Minister Rev. Hye-Ja Kim. Office: 9803 7631. Sunday service 9:30am.

Glen Iris Rd Uniting Church & Community Care 200 Glen Iris Rd. Ph. 9885 8219. Rev. Gareth Darlow. 10am Sun. services. BBQ & Communion 1st Sun of month. e: office@gleniris.victas.uca.org.au

Highfield Road Uniting Cnr Highfield Rd and Prospect Hill Rd. Canterbury. Rev Andrew Boyle 0403 976 411 Sunday Service 9:30 am.

St Luke's Uniting, Mt Waverley 94 Essex Rd. Office: 9807 2656. Sun. 9.30am. Fun at Five: 5pm 3rd Sun: craft, song, soup, shared meal – families. Ph. Amy 9803 4462. e: jamesdouglas@ozemail.com.au

Surrey Hills Uniting Cnr Canterbury Rd & Valonia Ave, Surrey Hills.Sun. Svc 10am (incl. Sunday School). Rev. Rob Gotch, e: shuc.vic@gmail.com Ph. 9898 1097 w: surreyhillsuniting.org

OTHER CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

City Edge, Surrey Hills YWAM Base, 19 Middlesex Rd. Pr Ian Gould. Ph. 0490 946 655. Services: Sun. 10:30am. w: cityedgechurch@gmail.com

Equippers Church, Burwood 144 Highbury Rd. Sun. Service 10am, incl. full kids' program. All Welcome.Ph. 9888 7466 w: www.equippers.com.au/burwood

Grace Christian Community, Box Hill South 234 Elgar Rd. Pastor: Tim Grant 0402 295 691. Sun. Service 11:30am (incl. lunch), activities, children's programs, English conversation. w: gracechristiancommunity.org.au

Melbourne CSI Church 334 High St, Ashburton. Vicar: Rev. Bijumon Joseph 0447 438 900. Services: Malayalam 1st & 3rd Sun 10:45am, English 09:30am, Combined 10:45am 2nd Sun.

The Salvation Army, Camberwell

7-11 Bowen St. Sun. worship 10am & 5pm. All welcome. Sun/School 10am school terms. Ph. 9889 2468. w: salvationarmy.org.au/Camberwell

Wattle Park Chapel 234 Elgar Rd, Box Hill South. Pastor: Richard Coombs. Ph. 9808 2728. Sun. 10am. Kids' Club & Seniors' outings, group Bible study. e: office@wpchapel.org

OTHER FAITHS

Bao Lin Chan (Zen) Buddhist Monastery

94A High Street, Glen Iris. Non-profit Buddhist org. Free meditation classes. Free but please register. Ph. 9813 8922 w: chungtai.org.au

Shree Shirdi Sai Mandir Melbourne 32 Halley Ave, Camberwell. Glorious Sai Baba Temple. Mon–Sun 9am–1pm; 5pm-9pm. w: shirdisai.net.au

Childcare & Activities

Aurora School, Blackburn South

Specialist school for young deaf & deaf blind children. Mon–Fri 9am–3pm. Early intervention staff visit families in homes. 96 Holland Rd. Ph. 8878 9878.

Avenue N'hood House @ Eley, Blackburn Sth Occ. care 9am–3pm Mon–Fri (bookings essential). Bubba Beats music group for children 0–4 yrs. Thurs morns. Ph. 9808 2000. w: theavenue.org.au

Blackburn North Neighbourhood House Childcare Blackburn North N'hood House 109 Koonung Rd. Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am–2pm Enq: 9878 6632.

Clay Youth Group Evening Christian program for highschoolers. All welcome. 7.30-9.30pm. St Thomas Anglican Church, 44 Station St, Burwood. e: joshuam@sttoms.org

Community Playgroup Blackburn North N'hood House 109 Koonung Rd. Mon 10am–12noon term time. \$5 per family per session. Ph. 9878 6632.

Facilitated Grandparents' Playgroup Blackburn North Neighbourhood House 109 Koonung Rd. Wed. school terms 9:30-11:30am. \$45 per term. Ph. 9878 6632.

French Playgroup in Camberwell "Le jardin des enfants". Camberwell South Anglican Church, 101–103 Bowen St. Wed 10–11:30am. \$5 per family. Ph. 0450 676 537. e: french@csac.org.au

Grandparents/New Families Playgroup, Camberwell Bowen Street
Community Centre, 102 Bowen St.
Various times. Ph. 9889 0791.
e: info@bowenstreet.org.au

Playgroup at Burwood Heights Uniting Church Cnr Burwood Hwy &
Blackburn Rd East Burwood. Wed. 10am
school terms. Ph. Edith 0410 756 203 or
Marg 9955 4532.

Playgroups & Kids' Club St Thomas Anglican Church, 44 Station St, Burwood. Playgroup Tue (English) & Thur (Chinese) 10am-noon. Yr 1-6 Thurs 3.30-6pm incl. dinner. e: rachelgh@sttoms.org

William St. Playhouse, Hawthorn Mon-Thurs 9am–3pm. \$80 per 6-month family membership incl. Mon activity group. Ph. 9819 2629. e. Williamstplayhouse@hch.org.au

Community Music & Singing

Blackburn North Sing Australia Group

Thurs 7:30pm. Community Centre Forest Hill Village, 264 Springvale Rd. Perform for comm. orgs. 1st wk free; no auditions. Ph. Mick 0414 484 080.

Box Hill Chorale Friendly community choir meets Mon 7.30pm at Box Hill Community Arts Centre. Singers from 15 up welcome. e: info@boxhillchorale.org.au

Celtic Jam Blackburn North N'hood House 109 Koonung Rd. Wed 6:30–7.30pm Introduct; 7:30–9pm Easy-going jam session. Learn a tune. New members welcome \$4 per week.

Cloud9 Women's Choir Nth Balwyn Uniting Church, 17–21 Duggan St. We rehearse Thurs. 7:30–9:30pm school terms. w: cloud9womenschoir.com

Creativity Australia – With One Voice, Ashburton Ph. 8679 6088 Ashburton Baptist Church, 8 Y St. Entry: Marquis St carpark. Tues. 6:15–7:30pm. Supper incl.

e: withonevoice@creativityaustralia.org.au

Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Victoria, Blackburn Sth Rehearse Sun PM +2 weekday PMs in Scouts Performing Arts Centre, Blackburn Sth, producing 4 productions annually. Ph. 0490 465 009 e: info@gsov.org.au w: www.gsov.org.au

Majellan Singers, Ashburton Like to join a small, friendly women's choir? Rehearsals in Ashburton Wed. 7:30-9:30pm. \$450 p.a. For info or audition Ph. Rosemary 0416 267 500.

Open Door Community SingersHabitat Uniting Church, cnr Burke & Mont
Albert Rds, Canterbury. Mon 7:30–9:30pm.
\$85 pa (admits to all Open Door choirs),
\$10 per night. Ph. 0419 894 340.

Open Door Gospel SingersDetails as above. Thurs 7:30-9:30pm.

reCHOIRed Community Choir Rehearses in Surrey Hills 7:30–9pm Wednesday school terms. No auditions. e: pricetj1963@gmail.com w: rechoired.com

Scotsglen Singers Inc. Ph. Elizabeth 0407 542 680. All-female choir entertains shut-ins, raises money for charity. Rehearse Glen Waverley Thurs pm. Perform regularly in local area. Membership: \$85.

Sing Australia Choir, Camberwell Camberwell Uniting Church, 314 Camberwell Rd. Community-based choir. Tues. 10am—noon. Annual sub., plus \$10 per visit. No auditions. Ph. 0439 381 091.

Treble Tones Join ladies who enjoy singing. Rehearsals Wed mornings, Burwood. Membership: \$110 pa. Ability to read music desirable. Ph. Lorraine Pollard 9807 5936.

Ukulele & Singing (BUGSS)Bennettswood Neighbourhood House,
7 Greenwood St, Burwood. Mon.
11:30am–12:45pm. Ph. 9888 0234.
e: info@bennettswoodnh.org.au

Victoria Welsh Male Choir, Blackburn South Wed. 7:30–9:30pm St Edward's, Edinburgh Rd. Ph. David on 0413 077 573. Looking for men who can hold a tune. Great camaraderie. w:vicwelshmenschoir.com.au

Yarra Gospel Community Choir Friendly inclusive group, inspiring songs, 1st night free, no auditions. \$15/week or \$100/term. Music provided, supper incl. Thurs 7pm in Surrey Hills. Ph 0421 337 430 e: info@yarragospel.org

Community Shopping

Animal Welfare Op Shop, Camberwell 1355 Toorak Rd. Mon–Sat 11am–5pm. Shop, donate, recycle. Nothing over \$20. Quality new/recycled clothing, books, etc. We can pick up. 9889 9435 shop hours.

Lions Club of Boroondara Central Op Shop 1350C Toorak Rd, Camberwell.
Ph. 9809 4950. Bric-a-brac, clothes, furn., etc.
Mon–Thurs 10:30am–4:30pm (Fri–4pm), Sat
9:30am–12:30pm. Proceeds to community.

Monash Rotary Op Shop 13 Barlyn Road, Mt Waverley. Mon–Fri 10am–4pm; Sat 10am–1pm. Op shop goodies incl. small electrical appliances. Bargain prices. Join our VIP list, meet our volunteers, have a chat.

Rotary Recycle Op Shop, Surrey Hills 1113 Riversdale Rd. Excellent range of books/bric-a-brac/ladies wear. All profits to community projects. Mon–Fri 10am–4pm; Sat 10am–1pm. Volunteers welcome.

Rotary Recycled Treasures Op Shop, Blackburn 113 Canterbury Rd. Ph. 0451 200 237. Books, clothing, jewellery, bric-a-brac. Accept elec. goods. All funds to Charity Projects. Mon–Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am–1pm.

RSPCA Op Shop Burwood East Shop 10 / 2–8 Burwood Hwy. Quality, ethical & environmentally friendly treasures. Help care for our animals. Hours: Monday to Saturday 9-5.

Salvation Army Thrift Shop, Ashburton 401 High St. Books, toys, clothing, bric-a-brac. Accept elec. goods, not monitors/TVs/scanners. 8:30am–5pm. Mon–Sat. Leave goods at Shop rear bus. hrs. Ph. 9885 4965.

Samarinda The Ashy Op Shop Cnr High St & Welfare Pde. Mon-Fri 10am–4.30pm, Sat. 9:30am–4pm, Sun 11am–3pm. Easy drop off. All proceeds help aged locals. Ph. 9058 6050.

Uniting Op Shop, Forest Hill 333A Canterbury Rd. Newly renovated Op Shop, Open 9.30am–1.00pm, Tues–Sat. Friendly volunteers. All funds to local & O/S charities.Ph. 9878 3222.

Vinnies Mont Albert 24 Hamilton St. Ph. 9898 0720. Mon–Sat 10am-5pm. A unique Op-shopping experience with a great range of clothing, homewares, books etc.

YES Op Shop, Forest Hill

53 Mahoneys Rd. Ph. 9894 0992. Youth Education Support Inc. sponsors young disadvantaged people. Shop, donate, volunteer. Books, toys, clothing, bric-a-brac.



Crafts & Hobbies

Abbey Girls of Victoria Phone Margaret on 9886 0232. Bennettswood N'hood House, 7 Greenwood St. Club based on Elsie J. Oxenham's books.

Australian Philatelic Society

Memorial Homes Hall, 152 Canterbury Rd, Canterbury. Meets bi-monthly. Interesting displays at meetings. Visitors/ new members welcome. Ph. John Young 9889 1385.

Box Hill Art Group Inc. NFP. Highly qualified tutors. Flexible classes: beginners/experienced in watercolour, oils, pastel, acrylics, etc. Ph. Eric 0424 775 540. w: boxhillartgroup.com.au

Box Hill Hand Spinners & Weavers Box Hill Comm. Arts Centre, 470 Station St. NFP. Meet Wed 7-9.30pm Thurs 10am-2pm. Workshops in dyeing, felting. Library & equip. loan avail. Ph. 0400 669 383. e: boxhillspinweave@gmail.com

Camberwell Camera Club Rutherford Rm, St John's Anglican Church, 552 Burke Rd. Ph. Wolf 0428 398 446. 7:30pm, 2nd/4th Mon. Speakers, comps, outings. w: camberwellcameraclub.org.au

Camberwell Film Society 3rd Wed (Feb-Nov), 2nd Wed Dec with party. Prompt 7:30pm start. Camberwell Comm. Centre, 33 Fairholm Gr. Includes tea/coffee. Must be 18 years+. Ph. Bill Kerr 9347 6969. e: wkerr@access.net.au

Dream Stitches St Aidan's Church Hall, 10 Surrey St, Box Hill Sth. Friday 9:30am—noon school terms. Community-based sewing for migrant & refugee women. w: dreamstitches.org.au

Forest Hill Woodturners Sat 9:30–noon; Mon (2 sessions) 9:30–noon & 12:30–3pm. Warrawong Annex, 32 Richmond St, Blackburn Sth. Learn & practise woodturning with quality equip. & skilled instructors. w: fhwt.org.au

French Book Club in Camberwell Camberwell Sth Anglican Church, 103 Bowen St. Relaxed chat about French books & novels with other French speakers. Sun. 2–3pm. Ph. 0450 676 537 e: French@csac.org.au

Jane Austen Society of Melbourne Inc., Ashburton Purves House, 303 High St. Meet 2pm last Sat. Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Nov. Guest speakers, afternoon tea, raffle. Guests welcome. Charge \$5. Ph. 0407 985 614. w: jasm.org.au

Melbourne Playing Card Collectors Alkira, 3 Thurston St Box Hill, 1st Sat Feb–Dec. 12–4pm. Cost \$5. Incl. refreshments. Discuss cards with likeminded people. Ph. 9725 2461.

Melbourne Numismatic Society Inc. Meets Nunawading Community Hub, Meeting Room 4 ground floor, each 2nd Thursday except Jan. Learn about coins notes, badges, medallions. Ph. 9725 0945. e: monica.deknecht@bigpond.com. April 2026 will be on the 3rd Thurs.

MonashWritersInk Writing Group

Like to join a friendly, self-regulated creative writing group? We meet school term Mondays 10am-noon at Waverley Community Learning Centre, Fleet St Mt Waverley. Ph. David on 0400 651 956.

Needlework Tapestry Guild of Victoria Inc. Box Hill Comm. Arts Centre, 470 Station St. Sat 8:30am–3pm 2nd Wed 11am-3pm. Ph. Anne Bryan 0400 644 086 or 9728 3256. e: eannebryan@gmail.com

Nunawading & District Lapidary Club Nunawading Community Hub, 96 Springvale Rd. Club night 2nd Wed. Mineral group 3rd Wed. Juniors (12-16) Sat 1-4. Cut & polish gems & silver work. ndlc@ndlconline.asn.au

Power N'hood House Book Group 54 Power Avenue, Ashwood. Chat about books over a cuppa. Meets 3rd Wed, 10–11:30am with bestsellers from free Monash Library Book Group. All welcome. w: powernh.org.au

Surrey Park Model Boat Club Meets Wed & Sun mornings 9am-noon at Surrey Park Lake. Supports a range of model boating interests. w: spmbc.org.au

Victorian Button Collectors' Club Burwood Hts Uniting Church, cnr Burwood Hwy & Blackburn Rd. 2nd Tues 8pm. w: vicbuttonclub.com.au

Victorian Egg Decorators' Guild Craig Family Centre, Ashburton. Meet 1st Sat. Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec. Displays/workshops of egg art using real egg shells. Ph. Helen 0409 589 424 Instagram @vic.egg.decotators.guild.inc

Waverley Film Society, Mt Waverley Church hall, St John's Uniting Church Virginia St. 7:45pm 2nd Wed Feb-Dec. Older "classic" films. Ann. m/ship \$30 (1st visit free). Ph. Brett 9807 3426. w: waverleyfilm.org.au

Waverley Gem Club Central Reserve, Glen Waverley. Wide range of activities: gem cutting, silver smithing. Training at Mt Waverley. Ph. Garry 0425 710 006 e: waverleygemclub@gmail.com w: https://tinyurl.com/y5gp8s4j

Waverley Scale Modelling Club Wadham House, 52 Wadham Pde, Mt Waverley (behind library). Meet 2nd Tues, Feb-Dec, 7:30–10:30pm. NFP for Scale Model builders. Ph. Edward Russell 9857 6891.

Waverley Patchworkers Inc.
Mt Waverley Community Centre, Millers
Cres. 4th Monday of the month, 7–9pm.
Also, day meetings available.
e: info@waverleypatchworkers.com.au

Waverley Woodworkers Inc. Central Reserve, Glen Waverley. Under Grandstand. Enter from Springvale Rd.

w: waverleypatchworkers.com.au

New members welcome. Open 7 days (AM) & some other times. w: waverleywoodworkers.com Whitehorse Film Society, Willis Rm, Whitehorse Civic Centre, 379 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading. 2pm, 1st/3rd Sat. FebDec \$55. Ph. 9877 1474 or 9800 1825 w: whitehorse.filmsociety.org.au

Dance & Exercise

Box Hill Ballet Association Inc.

NFP. Classical ballet (Cecchetti), Jazz, Tap, Folk, Wu Tao. Students 3yo–adult. Adult beginners. Ph. 7067 3310. w: boxhillballet.com.au e: info@boxhillballet.com.au

Dance for Fitness Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station St. Mon, 1–2pm. Low impact informal dance class for those who don't like gym. Ph. 9895 8888. w: bhcac.com.au

Dance for Parkinson's, Camberwell Uniting Church, 314 Camberwell Road. Fridays 10-11am. \$5 donation. e: quixoticdancetech@gmail.com

English Country Dance Bennettswood N'hood House, 7 Greenwood St, Burwood. Tues 8–10pm. \$5. All dances taught. Partners not nec. Think Pride & Prejudice. Ph. George on 9890 5650.

Hong Kong Club Tai Chi Group Evergreen Centre, 45 Talbot Ave, Balwyn. Tai Chi & Qigong classes – various forms. Sat. 8:30am–1pm. Ph. Sam 0418 101 937 e: hongkongclub.taichigroup@gmail.com

Let's TAP Cardio & Low Impact Tap Dancing Classes Experience not req, enthusiasm & energy essential. \$22 a session, \$100 per 6-class pass. Ph. Lisa 0431 887 697 w: LetsTAP.com.au pass.

Scottish Country Dancing, Surrey Hills Surrey Hills Uniting Church, 679 Canterbury Rd, Tues Mar–Nov 7:30– 10pm. \$7. Beg. & exp. welcome. Flat, soft shoes. Ph. 0425 883 218. e: boxhillscottish@yahoo.com.au

Surrey Dance St Matthew's Church Hall 334 High St. Ashburton. Friendly & welcoming venue. Ballroom, New Vogue & Latin. Wed 7–10:30pm Ph. Fred 0418 340 111; Debbie. 0412 297 025.

Education/Self-improvement

Boroondara Toastmasters Burwood N'hood House, 1 Church St. 1st & 3rd Thurs 7:30pm Communication, leadership and self-confidence skills. e: boroondara.toastmasters@gmail.com Ph. 0408 008 801.

Glen Iris Toastmasters Club Glen Iris Community Centre, 200 Glen Iris Rd. 2nd/4th Wed 7:15pm. Improve leadership, public speaking, self-confidence. Ph. 0420 846 853. e: vidhu1001@gmail.com

MPower Me Homework Club

54 Power Ave, Ashwood. A fun group with qualified tutors supporting primary school children with homework on Tuesdays during school term 3:30–5pm. Ph. 9807 3589.

Speaking Made Easy, Camberwell Camberwell Library, 340 Camberwell Rd. 4th Thurs 12 for 12:15pm start. Public speaking for women; communicating with confidence; meeting procedures. Ph: 0459 186 670 w: speakingmadeeasy.com.au

U3A, Box Hill 29 Strabane Ave. Learning & social activities for seniors. Art, exercise, games, history, iPad, languages, literature, meditation. Ph. 9898 3336. w: u3aboxhill.com.au

U3A, Hawthorn 26 Sinclair Ave. Ph. 9821 0282. Educational, creative courses for retirees/semi-retirees. 90 courses/activities. Low annual fee. 10:30am–1:30pm Mon–Fri. w: u3ahawthorn.org.au

U3A, Nunawading Ph. 9878 3898. e: admin@u3anunawading.org.au Semi & Retired people; 250+ classes: IT, languages, art craft, humanities, science, exercise etc. w: u3anunawading.com.au

Environment & Gardening

Ashwood College Permaculture Food Garden Open 10:30am Wed & Sat. New volunteers always welcome
First Ashwood High entry off Vannam Dr. (30m on right at end of school drive).
Ph. Lynda 0404 083 272 or Facebook.

Back2Nettleton Friends, Glen IrisShare the joy of scattering mulch, pulling weeds & planting, finishing with a cuppa & chat. Contact Ruthie Scharley or Jeff Patchell (Ph. 0419 394 979) or e: Back2Nettletonfriends@gmail.com

BASScare Maranoa Club Gardening. 6 Faversham Rd, Canterbury. Monthly workshop with master gardener Martin. Cost: \$5, Incl. morning tea. Ph. 9880 4709. e: socialsupport@basscare.org.au

Bellbird Dell Reserve, Vermont Sth Ph. 9262 6333. Working bees 1st Sat. 10am-noon, m/tea. Dig and make friends! Check Dell noticeboard, take garden gloves, tools provided. e: info@bellbirddell.org

Box Hill Garden Club Springfield Park Pavilion (cnr Dorking & Springfield roads) 3rd Tues 10am. Guest speakers. All welcome. Ph. Yvonne 9808 5112. e: boxhillgardenclub@gmail.com

Bungalook Nursery, Blackburn SthBuy/help prepare/propagate indigenous plants to distribute to homes/parks; collect seeds/cuttings. Also friendly volunteer Social events. See website for times. e: wcipp@yahoo.com.au w: wcipp.org.au

Burwood Community Garden

Grow your own flowers/veges in one of our 16 plots at 15 Sinnott St. \$20 joining fee, \$50 deposit (refundable if garden left in good condition) & \$20 pa. Contact the Secretary: burwoodcg@gmail.com

Camberwell Morning Garden Club Camberwell Petanque Club rms, Wakefields Gr. (Mel. 60F4) 9:45am–noon, 2nd Thurs, Feb–Nov. Plant stall, outings. Visitors welcome Ph. 0413 790 051 e: cmgcvic1979@yahoo.com

The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria Inc. Groups hold monthly meetings 1 Gardenia St, Blackburn. Visitors welcome for small fee. Groups: Botany, Fauna, Geology & more. Special juniors group. w: fncv.org.au

Friends of South Surrey Park 909-911 Riversdale Rd, Surrey Hills. New volunteers welcome to working bees. Last Sun. & every Tues. 10am–noon. w: facebook.com/southsurreypark Ph. 0437 959 013.

Greenlink Box Hill Indigenous Plant Nursery Indigenous plant nursery run by volunteers in nursery or parklands. Open Tues/Wed 9am–noon. Ph. 0479 121 653 (Tues/Wed) e: greenlinkboxhill@gmail.com

Lighter Footprints – Climate Action Group Guide Hall, Faversham Road, Canterbury. All welcome. Last Wed. 7pm for 7:30–9:30pm. More info: 0411 115 186. w: lighterfootprints.org

Vermont Garden Club Feb-Nov 2nd Thurs 8pm), Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Rd, Forest Hill. Trading table, Bench, Raffle, Guest speakers, Supper. Friendly environment. All welcome. e: Louise, vermontgardenclub@gmail.com

Waverley Bonsai Group 3rd Tues 8pm, St Johns Church Hall, 37 Virginia St, Mt Wav. All levels plus weekend workshops. Annual show in August. New members welcome. Ph. Bruce Wensor 9802 8529.

Waverley Garden Club Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Cres. Meets 1st Fri 7:30 for 8pm. Monthly guest speakers. Ph. Gill Read 0409 568 422. E: info@waverleygardenclub.com

Flowers & Floral Art Groups

Box Hill Floral Art Inc. The Pavilion, Box Hill Hawks FC cnr Middleborough & Whitehorse roads. 1st Thurs. Workshops 10am, demos by designers 1pm. BYO lunch. All welcome. Ph. 9898 2483.

Camellias Victoria Inc. East Burwood Uniting Church Hall, cnr Burwood Hwy & Blackburn Rd. Meets monthly 8pm 2nd Wed, Mar–Nov inclusive.Visitors welcome. w: camelliasvic.org.au

Chrysanthemum Society of Victoria Inc. Burwood Heights Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Blackburn Rd & Burwood Hwy. 2nd Sat 2:30pm. (excl. June). Cultivation specialist society to exhibition standards. Ph. 9898 5458.

Early Morn African Violet Group, Alvie Hall, cnr Alvie & High Street rds. Mt Waverley. 1st Mon. at 8pm & 3rd Wed. at 10am. Learn how to grow African violets, and make new friends. Ph. 5678 8814.

For Teens

Australian Youth Band, Ashwood

Musical standard no lower than AMEB 5th Grade or equiv. Rehearsals Sat. 9amnoon, Parkhill Primary School Recreation Hall. Ashwood. w: ayb.org.au

Bao Lin Teens Meditation Class

94A High St, Glen Iris. Sat 7–9pm fortnightly. Learn lost art of mindfulness & discover happiness through Zen meditation. Classes free! w: chungtai.org.au Ph.9813 8922

Box Hill Jiu Jitsu Self defenceoriented martial arts training held at Aqualink Box Hill. Wed evenings & Sat afternoons. Beginners welcome. e: dan@bhjj.com.au w: bhjj.com.au

Connecting Teens, Ashwood Social group (13–18 yrs); Power N'hood House, 54 Power Ave. For all teenagers – esp. high functioning with Autism, Asperger's, ADHD. Ph. 9807 3589; e: office@powernh.org.au

Cruzin Study Homework Support Program Free homework support during school terms for 12–25 year-olds. Secondary, TAFE, uni subjects. Thurs 4–6pm, Box Hill Library, 1040 Whitehorse Rd. Ph. 9898 9340.

Epee and Sabre Fencing Learn Olympic sport of the sword: Fencing! Beginner classes every term. All equipment provided. Sat. 10-11:30am; Tues. 7:30-9pm. w: whitehorsechevaliers.com Ph. 0450 556 330.

Girl Guides Local age-specific groups welcome girls (6-10yrs; 10-13yrs; 14+). Weekly programs focus on new skills &challenges, self-respect, leadership & outdoors (incl. Camps). w: guidesvic.org.au

Homework Help Club, Surrey Hills Run by young adults during school term, free tutoring Yrs 7-10: Maths, English, Science. Fri. 5:30-7pm. St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Canterbury Rd.

Monash Youth Services Info, support, referral, range of programs/ activities for 10-25 y.o. Free service. 14 Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley. 9am-5pm, Mon-Fri. Ph. 9518 3900. w: myfs.org.au

Nunawading & District Lapidary Club Nunawading Community Hub, 96 Springvale Rd. Club night 2nd Wed. Mineral group 3rd Wed. Juniors (12-16) Sat 1-4. Cut & polish gems & silver work. ndlc@ndlconline.asn.au

Scouts Make new friends, expand your world. Offers an exciting & varied program for youth (boys and girls) aged between 5-25. w: scoutsvictoria.com.au

Waverley Gem Club Central Reserve, Glen Waverley. Ages 11 upward. Learn working with gemstones. Join us for field trips with parents & find your own gems. Ph. 9561 4027.

e: waverleygemclub@gmail.com

Friendship & Activity Groups

Avenue N'hood House @Eley, Blackburn Sth 87 Eley Rd. Social groups meet weekly for interests incl. sketching, scrabble, crochet & cards for social players. Ph. 9808 2000. w: theavenue.org.au

Boroondara Life Activities Club, Camberwell Day trips, lunches, mahjong, table tennis, scrabble and other activities. Ph. Lyn 0413 783 274.

Burwood Ladies Social Group Come meet new people and plan outings over tea or coffee. Monthly first Tues at 1pm, Ph. 9808 6292.

Camberwell Friendship Group Friendly, interesting retiree group seeking new members. 3rd Thursdays at 12noon for lunch (\$20 incl. drink of choice) at Harp of Erin Hotel, East Kew. Ph. Yvonne 0432 041 593.

Camberwell Italian Senior Citizens 405 Camberwell Rd. Outings/bingo/ lunches. Ph. Teresa Donato 0412 840 703.

Coffee Connect @ Camberwell Baptist Friendship time over coffee Wed. morning in Fellowship Centre; enter Riversdale Rd. Weekly during school terms 10am-noon. Share & make new friends. Ph. Margaret on 0412 422 309.

Friends Getting Together Inc. A NFP active social club for single people 55+. Full calendar of events every month. For info: w: friendsgettingtogether.org.au

GOLD (Growing Older Living Dangerously) Friendly, supportive women over 55. Fun, new experiences. 10:35am-12:30pm 2nd Thurs. Craig Centre, 7 Samarinda Ave, Ashburton. Ph. 9885 7789. e: craig.cd@craigfc.org.au Novus 50+ Singles Group Friendly & welcoming social group in eastern suburbs meets for weekly dinners at hotels/restaurants plus dances. Ph. Denise 0417 591 122 or email: novussingles@gmail.com

Whitehorse Activities Club

Various groups: dancing, sporting activities, cards, walking groups, board games & golf. New members welcome. e: waclubsecretary@gmail.com w: whitehorseactivitiesclub.org.au

Probus Clubs

For information about local Probus Clubs please go to our website at burwoodbulletin.org/probus-clubs

Health & Support Groups

Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria (ARCVic) OCD & Anxiety Support Group. 1st/3rd Tues 7:30-9:30pm Hawthorn Community House. 32 Henry St, Hawthorn. Ph. 9830 0566. e: admin@arcvic.org.au

Aphasia Support Group Link Health & Community – Batesford Hub, 94 Batesford Rd, Chadstone. Fortnightly group for Aphasia sufferers & their families. Ph. 1300 552 509. w: linkhc.org.au

Betting On A Better Life!

MonashLink Community Health project. Gambling concerns? Activities. Ph. Judy Avisar 0426 245 897 or 1300 552 509. e: javisar@monashlink.org.au

Balwyn Evergreen Centre Supported Lifestyle Program

Fri 10am-3pm. For those less mobile with mild dementia/cognitive impairment. Incl exercise class, morning/afternoon tea, lunch, activities. Ph. 9836 9681.

Blackburn Take Off Weight Naturally Club Avenue N'hood House @ Eley, Eley Rd. Friendly Weight Loss Support. NFP weight loss club can help you. Meets Mon, 9:30-11:30am. Ph. Rene Gale 9874 4043.

Box Hill Prostate Cancer Support Group 9:30–11:30am, 3rd Tuesdays. Box Hill RSL Upton Room, Nelson Rd. Onsite parking. Ph. Bert Alesich 0418 344 057

Day Respite for People Living with **Dementia** Samarinda's Elsie Salter House, 11 Marquis St, Ashburton. Day respite for carers of those living with dementia, memory loss or confusion. 4 days p.w. Ph. 1300 591 464



Disability Support & Respite Program Social groups for young people 16 yrs up with intellectual disabilities. Group fitness, cooking, outings. Tues. afternoons & Sat. Ph. Leza, Craig Family Centre, 9885 7789.

Eastern Suburbs Widowed Support Our Group helps widows/widowers recover after their loss. Weekly meetings incl. guest speakers; social outings Ph. Lesley 9725 6843 or Nonie 9802 2316.

Evening Warm Water Exercises Mon/Thurs, Peter James Centre. \$9 per session. Run by physiotherapists. For people with musculoskeletal disease. Eastern Suburbs Hydrotherapy Inc. Ph. 0467 631 835.

Kara House Outreach Service Domestic Violence Support Agency. For women experiencing domestic violence. Support to women from diverse cultural & linguistic backgrounds. Ph. 1800 900 520.

Melbourne East Disability Advocacy, **Surrey Hills** Provides individual/citizen advocacy to those with intellectual disabilities in Boroondara, Monash, Whitehorse. Ph. 9808 8633. e: office@meda.org.au w: meda.org.au

Nunawading Take Off Weight Naturally Club Friendly, low cost, support group for men & women. Meets Forest Hill Uniting Church Wed 6:30-8pm. Ph. Margaret 9894 4942.

Neighbourhood Watch Ashwood West & surrounds Looking after each other's safety/security. Meets 7:15pm 2nd Mon. even months. Eastern Lions SC Sixth Ave Burwood. e: managerashwoodwest@nhwmonash.org.au

Parkinson's Victoria Inc.

Boroondara Camberwell Support Group, Meet last Mon. 10am-noon. Ph. Parkinson's Victoria 1800 644 189.

Personal Helpers & Mentors Program, Monash Lvl 1, 12 Hamilton Pl, Mt Waverley. Ph. 9692 9400. Community-based outreach support for people with mental illness, Referrals/selfreferrals welcome. Free program.

Reconnexion NFP Counselling, group therapy, phone support, anxiety disorders, depression, pills dependency. Ph. 1300 273 266. w: reconnexion.org.au e: info@reconnexion.org.au

Suicide Loss Support Group Free program explores 12 topics over 12 fortnights, beginning June. Limited to 8 people. Please phone 0434 533671 or 0417 523871.

Whitehorse Community Support **Register** Feel safe and secure at home. Confidential Whitehorse Register designed to help elderly, disabled or isolated. Ph. 8892 3385 (Mon-Fri 10am-noon).

History Groups

Balwyn Historical Society

Balwyn Evergreen Centre, 45 Talbot Ave. Meet 8–9pm Thurs (Sept–May), 2pm Tues (June-Aug). Speakers on Balwyn & local history. e: balwynhistory@gmail.com w: home.vicnet.net.au/~balwynhs/

Box Hill Historical Society Inc. Mtg Rm 1, Library, 1022 Whitehorse Rd. 3rd Sun. (Feb-Nov) 2pm. Archives Box Hill Town Hall Tues. 11am 1st Sat. by appt. Ph.0480651323.e:boxhillhistory@gmail.com

Camberwell Historical Society Inc. Meetings 25 Inglesby Rd 4th Tuesdays 7.30pm (winter Sat 2pm). New members welcome. e: enquiries@chs.org.au w: chs.org.au Ph. 0448 296 258.

Family History Connections

1/41 Railway Rd, Blackburn. Ph. 9877 3789. Weekdays, online access, books. Research services, seminars, free beginners' classes. e: info@familyhistoryconnections.org.au w: familyhistoryconnections.org.au

Hawthorn Historical Society Local History Room, Hawthorn Library, Glenferrie Rd. 2nd & 4th Weds 11am-1pm. Members work & to learn about materials in collection. Ph. 9278 4666. e: hawthornhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Surrey Hills Historical Society 190A Canterbury Road, Canterbury. 3rd Tues 8pm Feb–Nov. Single membership \$25 p/a. Visitors \$5.00 per meeting. Collection open Mondays e: Shhistory3127@gmail.com

Waverley Historical Society Inc., Above Mt Waverley library, Miller Cres (lift avail.). Have queries about Waverley's history? Visit Wed. 2–4pm or by appt. e: waverleyhsvic@gmail.com

Whitehorse Historical Society Inc. Local History Rm, Schwerkolt Cottage & Museum, Deep Creek Rd, Mitcham. Open for research Wed 10:30am-2:30pm. e: whitehorsehistory@hotmail.com Ph. 9873 4946.

Local Markets

Boroondara Farmers' Market

1st, 3rd & 5th Sat, 8am-12:30pm. Patterson Reserve, Auburn Rd, Hawthorn. Entry \$2. Fresh pasta, organic fruit/veg etc. 60 stalls of fresh produce from all over Vic. Ph. 9278 4879.

Hawthorn Makers Market 1st Sun. (Mar-Dec) 10am-3pm. Free. Hawthorn Arts Centre, 360 Burwood Rd. Handmade homewares, jewellery, fashion, pot plants, gourmet food etc.

Mt Waverley Rotary Art & Craft Market Mt Waverley Village car park, Stephensons Rd. 2nd Sun each month 9am-2pm. 60 stalls of art, craft & food. Proceeds to many local & international causes.

Nunawading Market - Craft & **Produce** 4th Sun. Feb-Nov 9am-2pm. Dec. 2nd Sun. 1-5pm. Toys, clothing,

jewellery, gifts, plants, gourmet foods, fresh produce. Whitehorse Civic Centre, 379-397 Whitehorse Rd.

Treasures & Tastes@Trinity

3rd Sat, 9am-1pm. Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 177 Union Rd. Surrey Hills Indoor boutique makers' & growers' market. Ph. 9890 2165.

e: treasuresandtastes@gmail.com

Whitehorse Farmers Market

2nd Sundays (8am-1pm) Whitehorse City Council's Civic Centre precinct, 379-397 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading. Fresh fruit & vegetables, eggs, meat, fish, game meats, from the grower to you.

Mainly for Men

Alamein Men's Shed Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning, 49 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton Tues 9.30-11.30am and 12.30-2.30pm. \$30 per term & \$2 per session. Ph. 9885 9401.

Australian Model Railway Assoc. Vic. Branch Inc. 92 Wills St, Glen Iris. New members welcome. For membership /activities Ph. 9885 7034. w: amracvic.com.au

Aviation Historical Society of Australia Meets 4th Wed. 7:30pm at Air Force Association, 24 Camberwell Rd, Hawthorn East. w: ahsa.org.au e: membership@ahsa.org.au Ph. 0418 530 001

BASScare The Canterbury Centre 2 Rochester Rd. Boroondara Blokes (over 55s) Fortnightly men's outing group. e: socialsupport@basscare.org.au Ph. 9880 4709.

Box Hill Prostate Cancer Support Group 9:30–11:30am, 3rd Tuesdays. Box Hill RSL Upton Room, Nelson Rd. Onsite parking. Ph. Bert Alesich 0418 344 057

East Malvern Men's Shed 51A Ivanhoe Grove. Tues & Wed 9am-3pm. Place for active retired men to meet those with similar interests. e: info@eastmalvernmensshed.org.au

Hand Tool Preservation Association of Aust. Inc. Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station St. 7:30pm. 3rd Tues of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. Visitors welcome. Ph. 9803 9871. e: secretary@htpaa.org.au

The Historical Radio Society of Australia We collect and restore old radios. Visit one of our monthly meetings or radio auctions, in Mulgrave. w: hrsa.org.au Ph. Kevin 0435 378 678

Koonung Woodturners Guild Friendly group, 4th Sat. 9am-noon. Beginners' tuition Thurs. p.m. Blackburn North Neighbourhood House, 109 Koonung Rd. Ph. 9890 9201 w: koonungwoodturners.com

Monash Men's Shed 77 Bogong Ave, Bogong Reserve, Glen Waverley. Mon-Sat 9:30am-1:30pm. Activities for all ages. Drop in for a cuppa. Ph. 9561 8557. e: info@monashshed.org.au

Number Plate Collectors' Club Plate enquiries welcome. All welcome to attend meetings & ask general questions. Contact David West. Ph 0417 993 369. e: davidwest3152@gmail.com

Service Clubs

Blackburn Evening VIEW Club

Supports Smith Family & Learning For Life students. Meets for dinner, Bucatini Rest'nt, 454 Whitehorse Rd Mitcham 2nd Thurs 7 for 7:30pm. Ph. Hazel 0407 845 292.

Box Hill/Mitcham Day VIEW Club Supporting the Smith Family & Learning for Life Students. 11:30am for Lunch 4th Mon Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Rd Mitcham. Visitors Welcome Ph. Anne 0409 192 700.

Burwood Evening VIEW Club Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham, 7pm 2nd Wed. Dinner/guest speaker. Visitors welcome. Ph. 9885 2336. e: burwoodeveningviewclub@gmail.com

Burwood RSL Sub Branch Cnr Myrniong & Hyslop Sts. Meets

Mon & Thurs 11am-4pm. Activities incl. billiards & snooker. Visitors & new members welcome. Ph. 0412 392099 e: jim@jlfs.com.au

Lions Club of Ashwood-Mt Waverley Lionsville Hall, 100 metres into Lionsville Senior Citizens Village, 88 Winbirra Parade, Ashwood. Meet first Wed, 7:30pm. Ph. Heather Lauder 0407 813 979.

Lions Club of Blackburn

Men/women all ages. Friendly active club. Bus. Meeting: 1st Wed. 7pm Blackburn North Bowls Club. Social Dinner: 3rd Wed. 7pm "The Coach" Ringwood. New members welcome. Ph. Kate 0434 254 607.

Lions Club of Boroondara Central Glenferrie Hotel, 324 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn. Men/women all ages meet 2nd Tues, 6pm for 6:30pm. Friendly dinner/ business mtg. Ph. 9836 0541 or 0409 389 927.

Lions Club of Boroondara Gardiners Creek Bus. Mtgs: Craig Family Centre, Samarinda Ave, Ashburton, 2nd Mon, 7:30pm. e: jenniferjoseph@iinet.net.au Ph. 0419 880 616.

Rotary Club of Box Hill Burwood Meets Upton Room, Box Hill RSL, 26 Nelson Rd, Box Hill, 1st, 3rd & 5th Tues 6pm-7:15pm. Social meetings 2nd & 4th Tues. Ph. Ray 0408 857 924.

Rotary Club of Box Hill Central Tudor Box Hill Best Western, 1101 Whitehorse Rd. Prof. women/men who enjoy helping the community/sharing fun times. Breakfast Wed 7:30am. e: info@boxhillcentralrotary.org.au

Rotary Club of Nunawading

Vibrant, active and social. Make new friends, enjoy fellowship and fun while helping the community. Meetings locally on a Wednesday. For details email: rotarynunawading@gmail.com

Rotary Satellite Club of Box Hill Central – Volunteering with Friends

No weekly commitment. Dinners/ service activities monthly. Focus: women & children projects. Meeting details: satellite@boxhillcentralrotary.org.au

Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills Box Hill Institute Nelson Campus, Rm B10.G025 Ground Floor, Nelson Rd. Community service, friendship, guest speakers. First and Third Tuesdays 6.45 to 7pm. e: info@rotarymash.org.au

The Country Women's Assoc. of Vic. Inc. CWA Ashburton Branch. Meet 1st Tues 7pm. The Craig Family Centre Inc. Friendly active group.

e. cwa.ashburton@gmail.com

Sporting Clubs

Ashburton Bowls Club Enter off Warner Ave. Two grass greens; free coaching. 1st Sun. Barefoot bowls. Oct–April. Indoor winter bowls/cards. Memberships. Ph. 9885 4788. w: ashburtonbowls.com

Bennettswood Bowling Club

179 Station St. Burwood. Ph. 9808 4373. 2 Tift Grass Greens. Summer/winter bowls (indoor mats). Barefoot Fri evening. Free coaching. e: benwoodbowls@gmail

Burwood Cricket Club Training & home matches: Burwood Reserve, Warrigal Rd, Glen Iris. Ph. Carol 0409 827 321 e: burwoodccsecretary@gmail.com w: burwoodcricket.com

Burwood District Bowls Club

Barefoot Friday nights; function catering, fully licensed, Pennant bowls, Tue/Sat New members welcome.

Ph. 9889 5931 w: burwooddistrict.com.au

Burwood Tennis Club

Enter off Queens Pde. A progressive & inclusive club offering coaching, competition, plus social tennis day & night, on five synthetic grass courts. Ph. 9830 6618.

Camberwell Central Bowls Club
14 Bowen St. Ph. 9889 4813 "Come
Bowlin' on Bowen". Bowling all year.
Summertime night bowls Free Coaching.
New Members welcome.

w: camberwellbowlsclub.com.au Camberwell Petangue Club

Wakefields Grove. Ph. 0408 700 550. w: onpisteup.com Summer/Fri. pm. Winter/Sat. noon. Funny name, great game. Free coaching, social play &/or comps, home & away.

Camberwell Target Rifle Club

Mon & Tues nights from 7:30pm. Coaching & equipment supplied. Ph. Cam 0499 756 187, Barry 0411 469 646 or Ross 0418 331 696.

East Burwood Masters Athletics

Bill Sewart Athletics Track, East Burwood Reserve, Burwood Hwy. Thurs 7–9pm. Fun athletics & supper. Ph. 0403 910 183. w: vicmastersaths.org.au/vma-venues/ east-burwood-masters-athletics/

East Malvern Senior Citizens Bowling Club MECWA Hall, 57 Fisher St. Thurs 1:30–3:30pm. Indoor carpet bowls on two mats. Outings, more than just a bowls club. New members all ages welcome. Ph. 9555 8639.

Monash Croquet Club Electra Community Centre, Electra Ave, Ashwood. Friendly atmosphere. Beginners' lessons. Ph. Ros, 9802 6545. e: monashcroquet@gmail.com w: croquetvic.asn.au

Phoenix Park Table Tennis Club 26 Rob Roy Rd, Malvern East. Mon & Thurs 5.30–9.30pm coaching/comps all ages. 10am–1pm seniors. Ph. Paul Bronstein 0412 804 036.

Unquenchables Rugby UnionPart of Box Hill RUFC. 35yo+. Less strenuous rugby. Exp. opt. Sat pm & Thurs eve. Refreshments and laugh after. w: unquenchables.com

Whitehorse Chevaliers Fencing Club Nunawading, Vermont South. 'All ages' beginners, coaching & equipment provided. Free trial sessions available. Ph. 0450 556 330. w: whitehorsechevaliers.com



Bennettswood Bowling Club





T all began with an idea in 1954.

It was during the annual council inspection in the suburb of Burwood that Councillor L. R. McCredden suggested that the area south of Gardiner's Creek opposite the Box Hill Golf Club be set aside for use as a bowling green.

Fast-forward to today, the "Wood", as the locals know the Bennettswood Bowls Club, has become the heart of bowls enthusiasts across the southeastern suburbs.



Amaroo Neighbourhood Centre Inc.

Support social harmony. Volunteers needed for various duties Ph. 9807 2625 e: Nici.Stott@amaroonc.org.au

Ashburton Community Centre

Vacancies: Events Volunteers; Office Assistants 9am-2pm (flexible). Mgt Committee Members. Application form: ashburtoncc.org.au/our-volunteers.

Ashburton Community Residents

Association (ACRA) Inc. Volunteers needed to help with our artisan market activities in Ashburton & Ashwood. Ph. 9885 8890 e: acraashburton@gmail.com

Ashy Op Shop, Ashburton

285b High St. We fund local Ashburton aged care services. Volunteer weekday or Sat. All welcome. Just 4 hours p/wk. Ph. 0447 503 741 e: b.scicluna@basscare.org.au

Avenue Neighbourhood House @

Eley Volunteers always welcome. Opp. avail: reception, classes assist, drive small community bus, committees. Ph. 9808 2000 or e: info@theavenue.org.au

Balwyn Evergreen Centre

Volunteer visitors needed for the Evergreen Connection Visits program (ACVVS), Drivers for local pick ups and/or weekly outings. Other opportunities available.Ph 9836 9681

BASScare

The Canterbury Centre 2 Rochester Rd. Supporting older people. Vacancies avail. in meals on wheels, social support & connection. e: b.scicluna@basscare.org.au Ph. 0447 503 741.

Boroondara Central Lions Club Op Shop

1350C Toorak Rd, Camberwell (Burwood Village) Volunteers needed morn. & a/noons, also emergencies. Ph. Margaret 0409 389 927 or visit Op Shop.

Bowen Street Community Centre,

Camberwell Family-focused centre. Need volunteers in childcare, office admin., Committee of Mgt, Vicepresident, staff liaison, Treasurer. Ph. 9889 0791. w: bowenstreet.org.au.

Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre

Volunteers interested in book clubs, dementia support; community mag. distribution. Ph. 9830 4214 e: enquiries@canterburynh.org.au

Craig Family Centre

Need homework tutor, committee member, community gardener, childcare or kinder helper. Lots of opportunities! Ph. 9885 7789 e: enquiries@craigfc.org.au

Eastern Emergency Relief Network Inc.

Volunteer one morning per wk. Drivers, Warehouse Coordinators & Assistants, Sorting/Pantry Crews, whitegoods servicers & qualified electrical testers, office admin. Ph. 9874 8433.

Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Victoria,

Bayswater Regular workshops for set/prop construction, costuming, & bump in/out activities. Light timber work skills helpful, but training provided. 9.30am—3pm most Saturdays. Lunch/coffee incl. Call John 0412 411 629.

Greenlink Box Hill, Box Hill North

Indigenous plant nursery run by friendly volunteers in nursery or parklands. Sow seeds, take cuttings, etc. Open Tues & Wed 9am–noon. Ph. 0479 121 653 only Tues & Wed. e: greenlinkboxhill@gmail.com

healthAbility/Whitehorse Repair Cafe

Seeking volunteer Repairers to join our Cafe, 2nd Sat. of the month (Jan excepted). Have you skills/experience & would like to help reuse & keep items from landfill? Contact Stewart on e: Stewart.Blair@healthability.org.au

Inclusion Melbourne

Support adults with intellectual disabilities. Seeking volunteers as art mentor, friendly visitor, leisure buddy or tutor. Commitment of 6-12 months. Ph. 9509 4266 or e: volunteer@inclusion.melbourne

Knitted Knockers Australia, Burwood

Admin Assist. (KKA supports breast cancer survivors).

e: knittedknockersaustralia@gmail.com

Louise Multicultural Community

Centre, Box Hill Tutors (English & Computer), Office Admin. & Project volunteers. Help support and encourage social harmony in a safe environment. Ph. 9285 4850. e: programs@louise.org.au

MND (Motor Neurone Disease)

Victoria Provide care and support for people with MND, incl. services to support carers, etc. Volunteers undertake a range of roles/responsibilities. Ph. 9830 2122.

MS Community Visitors Scheme

Just like you but older – Would you like to visit older people who would benefit from friendship? We have people waiting to be matched to a visitor for friendship & companionship. Ph. 9845 2729.

Neighbourhood Watch Whitehorse

Volunteer for 'Caring for Communities'. Support local area groups. e: whitehorse@nhw.com.au

Neighbourhood Watch Ashwood

West & surrounds Local people needed to help with running/ administering committee & newsletter delivery. Ph. 9885 7554 or e: manager-ashwoodwest@nhwmonash.org.au

Peridot Theatre Inc.

Community theatre co. in eastern suburbs for 35 years. Interested in theatre? Secretarial/bookkeeping skills highly valued. w: peridot.com.au Ph. Helen: 0429 115 334.

Power Neighbourhood House,

Ashwood Committee members needed to achieve community participation by providing support, referral & activities in a friendly non-judgemental environment. Ph. 8849 9707.

RSPCA, Burwood East

3 Burwood Hwy. Ph. 9224 2222. Many volunteer roles: office admin, events, grounds maint. Min. age 15. Visit our website https://rspcavic.org/volunteer/

Samarinda - local for local

Vacancies for Meals-on-Wheels drivers, Bus excursions, Seniors transport to attend activities. Ashy Op Shop staff. Ph. 0447 503 741

e: b.scicluna@basscare.org.au

Uniting Op Shop, Forest Hill

Volunteers needed to join the team at our newly renovated Op Shop. Phone Don on 0411 490 365 for details.

Wesley Do Care - Active Ageing

Work with elderly people/disabled who want to take part in interests & social activities. We need volunteers happy to share interests, activities & companionship. Ph. 9794 3000.

Youth Education Support Inc. (YES)

Help disadvantaged youth to gain an education. Volunteers for Op Shop needed, 53 Mahoneys Rd Forest Hill. Ph. 9894 0992.

THE BULLETIN VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

- Advertising coordinator
- Writers
- Deliverers

Contact Chris on 0413 412 844 or email editor@burwoodbulletin.org



WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

To publicise local once-off events, markets or theatre productions, etc. in our Autumn issue (March–May) please email editor@burwoodbulletin.org

VENUE KEY:

- · ACC Ashburton Community Centre, 160 High St.
- AL Ashburton Library, 154 High St, Ashburton.
- BFM Boroondara Farmers' Market, 484 Auburn Rd, Hawthorn.
- BHCAC Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station St, Box Hill.
- BTH Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill
- CFS Camberwell Film Society, Camberwell Community Centre, 33-35 Fairholm Gve, Camberwell.
- · CL Camberwell Library, 340 Camberwell Rd.
- CT&T Car park adjacent to Station St and Riversdale Rd, Camberwell (behind Burke Rd shopping strip).

REGULAR EVENTS (MARKETS)

Fourth Sun each month 9am–2pm *Arts Nunawading Market* Shop local at the Make it, Bake it, Grow it, Nunawading Market. Free entry/ample free parking. [WC]

1st, **3rd & 5th Sat 8am–12.30pm** *Boroondara Farmers' Market* Patterson Reserve, Auburn Rd, Hawthorn East. No 5th week market in December. Cost \$2.

Every Sun 6:30am–12.30pm *Camberwell Trash & Treasure* About 370 stalls; second-hand goods, antiques, bric-a-brac, collectibles, hardware, preloved, vintage/retro clothes & shoes, books, music. [CT&T]

Every Sun 10am–3pm *Hawthorn Makers Market* Curated designer market selling a wide range of individually designed and handcrafted items. [HAC]

Third Sat each month 9am–1pm *Treasures and Tastes at Trinity* Hand-crafted items, baked treats & plants. Sausage sizzle & Treasures cafe. Fun kids' craft table, free activities, plus chance to win a \$30 voucher at each market. w: treasurestastestrinity.com.au [HTSH]

Second Sun each month 9am–1pm *Whitehorse Farmers' Market* Organised/managed by Whitehorse Rotary & Rotaract Clubs, features stalls selling fresh seasonal produce in front of the Civic Centre building. [WC]

DECEMBER

Thur 4–Dec 4–8pm Ashburton Artisan Twilight Market. ACRA and Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning Centre 49 Ashburton Grove, Ashwood. 20 stalls, high-quality Australian handcrafted products. BBQ, Coffee van and a variety of sweet treats. Contact via www.Facebook.com/AshyCRA or acraashburton@gmail.com

Fri 5 Dec 4–8pm Ashburton Twilight Artisan Market. ACRA and Parkhill Primary School – 4A Parkhill Drive Ashwood. FREE. 30 stalls. High-quality Australian handcrafted products, Christmas Carols, Santa, BBQ/ Cafe. Contact via www.Facebook.com/AshyCRA. or acraashburton@gmail.com

Fri 5 Dec 11am–12noon *Storytime – Camberwell.* A fun session to introduce your child to the world of storytelling and build a love of reading. Age: 3 to 5 years. [CL]

- HAC Hawthorn Arts Centre, 360 Burwood Rd. Ph. 9278 4770.
- MTB Melbourne Tramways Band, cnr Riversdale & Warrigal Rds, (stop 59).
- R The Round (located behind the Whitehorse Civic Centre)
- SH Strathdon House & Orchard Precinct 449-465
 Springvale Rd, Forest Hill
- SHOP Strathdon House & Orchard Precinct 449-465 Springvale Rd, Forest Hill
- SHNC Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre, 157 Union Rd
- THG Town Hall Gallery, 360 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn.
- WC Whitehorse Centre, Rear 379-397 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading
- WFS Whitehorse Film Society, Whitehorse Centre, 379
 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading.

REGULAR EVENTS (OTHER)

Third Tues each month 2–4pm Family history group. Learn about the resources available for family history research & how to use them. Share family history stories/help each other with ideas for what to do next. [CL]

Every 1st Mon 4–5pm *STEAM Club for kids* – *Ashburton*. Fun session of science, technology, engineering, arts & maths. Each month we will explore different topics by getting hands-on. Age: primary school. Please book tickets for each child attending. [AL]

Every 2nd Sat Feb-Dec 10am-2pm healthAbility/ Whitehorse Repair Cafe. Instead of feeding landfill, come & have broken items fixed whilst sharing tea/coffee. Gold coin donation. [SHOP]

Tues Mornings 10:30am–12pm *Burwood Walking Football.* Low-impact, modified version of soccer where players walk instead of run. Ideal for seniors, injury recoverees. Synthetic Pitch, Sixth Avenue, Burwood. Contact Mick at m.trim@wf4hvic.onmicrosoft.com

Sat 6 Dec 9:30am–2:30pm *Ashburton-A-Fair 2025*.Fun day for all ages with large market, art & craft activities & workshops. Refreshments incl. sausage sizzle & Devonshire tea. [ACC]

Sat 6 Dec 10am–1pm *Christmas Fete*. Arts and crafts stall; Plants stall; Children Activities/Games; Musical Interludes; Sausage Sizzle; Morning Tea. All Welcome. St Paul's Lutheran Church, 1201 Riversdale Rd, Box Hill Sth,

Sun 7 Dec 2pm *Journey to Oz.* Box Hill Ballet Annual Performance 2025. Incl. ballet, jazz & tap items. Doncaster Secondary College Theatre, 123 Church Rd. Bookings: www.boxhillballet.com.au

Wed 10 Dec 7:30pm The Party. UK 2017. Janet, a politician, hosts a party to celebrate her new promotion, but once the guests arrive, it becomes clear that not everything will go down as smoothly as the red wine. CHRISTMAS PARTY TONIGHT! Note: December screening a week earlier than usual [CFS].

Wed 10 Dec; Wed 17 Dec 1–2pm The Gallery Series. Free pop-up music series designed to brighten your lunch hour! [HAC]



Sat 13 Dec 4pm Christmas Carols event. Incl. animal farm, food/coffee, games, face painting & themed photo booth. Carols 6pm. Free admission. Burwood Community Presbyterian Cnr Greenwood & Tennyson Sts.

Sat 13 Dec 6:30-9:30pm Whitehorse Carols. Rides, Face Painting & Amusements from 5pm, performances beginning 6.30pm. Free. [WC]

Sun 14 Dec Melbourne Tramways Brass & Big Band Wattle Park, cnr of Riversdale & Warrigal roads, Surrey Hills. Free. Check for cancellation due to weather on 131 963. Any requests: e: exec@melbtramband.org.au

Sun 14 Dec 4:30pm Carols on the Lawn. Live music and carols sing-along, animal farm, face-painting, sausage sizzle, and slushie!! BYO Picnic rugs/chairs. Ashburton Presbyterian Church, 1 High Street Rd More info: apc. org.au/carols

Sun 14 Dec 5:30pm Wattle Park Chapel's Christmas BBQ and Carols. Free event and all are welcome. 234 Elgar Road, Box Hill South

Tue 16 Dec 10am-12:00noon Morning Music: A Pacific Belles Christmas Step back in time to a heart-warming show where velvet harmonies and nostalgic tunes bring festive cheer! Cost \$18 [HAC]

Sun 21 Dec 2pm East meets West in Motion Christmas Celebration. A showcase multicultural dance and music performed by our talented local community hosted by Burwood Neighbourhood House Cost: Full \$40 Conc.\$35 Child (2-14 yrs) \$25 (Incl \$4 booking fee). [R]

JANUARY

Mon 26 Jan 6–10pm Australia Day Concert. Food and rides from 6pm. Concert from 7–9:50pm. Fireworks from 9:50-10pm. Free. [WC]

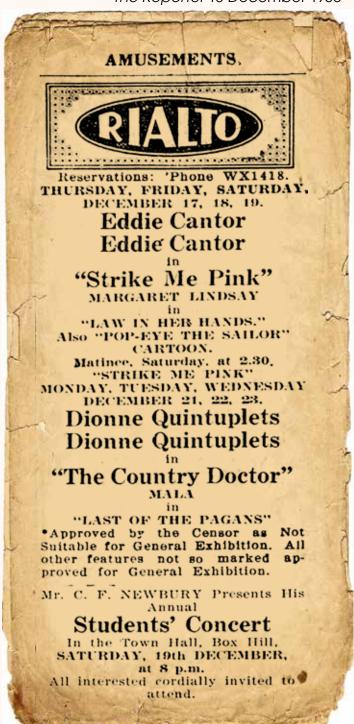
FEBRUARY

Sat 7 Feb 7:45pm Conclave. (UK/USA) 2024 PG. Cardinal Lawrence, tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope, finds himself at the centre of a web of conspiracies and intrigue. [WFS]

Wed 11 Feb 6–8pm Take charge of your business success. Practical, proven insights that can shift your business and thinking presented by Robert Bonifacio. Bookings: Nickie 9278 4081. Cost \$15. Camberwell Civic Precinct, 4-8 Inglesby Rd.

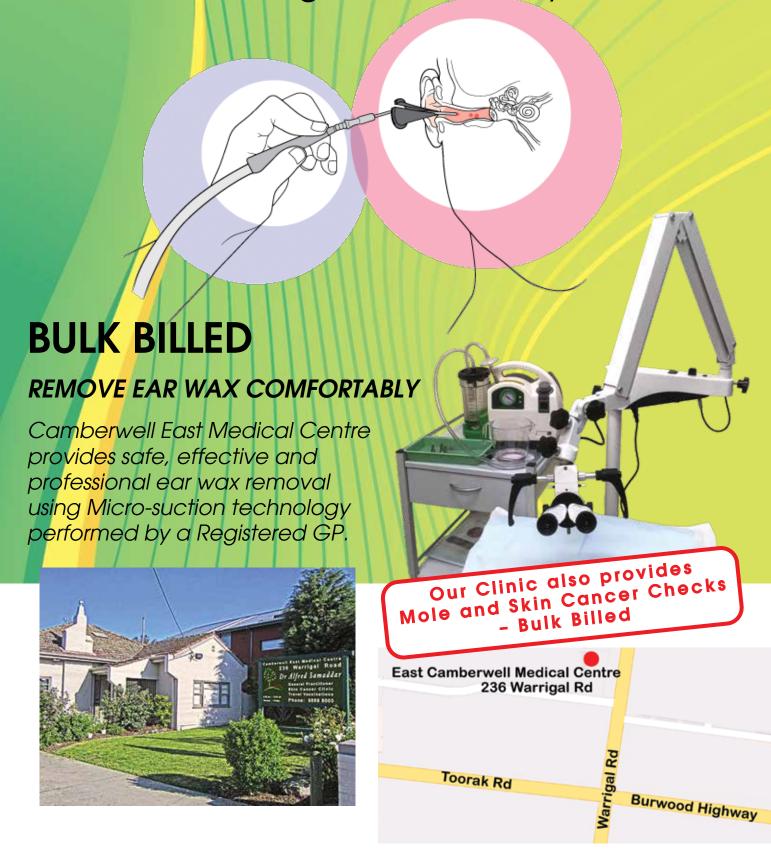
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